

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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By this Order,¹ the Public Utilities Commission
("Commission"), based on good cause shown,² grants Hawaiian Electric's

¹The Parties to this proceeding are HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO"), HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. ("HELCO") and MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO") (collectively, "Hawaiian Electric" or the "Companies") and the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate"), an ex officio party to this proceeding, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 16-601-62(a). Pursuant to Order No. 38663 (opening the docket), this proceeding is intended to receive filings and adjudicate requests submitted by Hawaiian Electric pursuant to the innovative pilot process under the Performance-Based Regulation Framework. See Order No. 38663, "Opening the Docket," filed on October 20, 2022 ("Order No. 38663"). See also, Docket No. 2018-0088, Decision and Order No. 37507, filed on December 23, 2020 ("D&O 37507"). Due to the nature of this docket, motions to intervene or participate are not contemplated; however, any interested person, including the Consumer Advocate, may file comments on an individual pilot notice. See Order No. 38663 at 5-7.

²See HAR § 16-601-23(a)(1).

motion for enlargement of time, filed on February 28, 2024 (“Motion”).³ Accordingly, the procedural deadline for Hawaiian Electric to submit a request to extend the Data Analytics Clearinghouse Pilot (“DaCH Pilot”) is moved to August 30, 2024.⁴

The DaCH Pilot was approved by the Commission pursuant to the Innovative Pilot Process (“Pilot Process”)⁵ in Decision and Order No. 38753, filed on December 8, 2022, and launched on February 27, 2023.⁶ As a result, the DaCH Pilot is scheduled to terminate in February 2025.⁷ Pursuant to D&O 37507, a request to extend and/or expand a pilot approved under the Pilot Process must be submitted no later than one year prior to the scheduled termination of the pilot.⁸ Hawaiian Electric requests an extension of time to extend the deadline by which to file such a request for the DaCH Pilot to August 30, 2024.

³“Hawaiian Electric Companies’ Motion for Enlargement of Time; and Certificate of Service,” filed on February 28, 2024 (“Motion”).

⁴Motion at 1.

⁵See Order No. 38663; and D&O 37507 at 166-181.

⁶Motion at 2.

⁷Motion at 2 (noting that the DaCH Pilot has a timeline of 24 months).

⁸Motion at 2 (citing D&O 37507 at 180-181).

In support of its Motion, Hawaiian Electric states:

The Companies will be evaluating the Pilot throughout the upcoming Program Increments of the Pilot, particularly, the Minimal Viable Products ("MVP") and Early Life Support ("ELS") phases that are scheduled in 2024. This involves evaluating and reporting of various Pilot aspects such as usage metrics, operational costs, and assessing potential expansion of the Pilot's features to accommodate additional interested entities. Presently, the Companies are unable to perform such assessments and projections due to the limited experience of Pilot participants with the [DaCH Pilot] and the need to determine costs during platform usage, which will be evaluated during the Pilot's [ELS] phases beginning in June 2024.

. . . .

The requested enlargement will allow for further assessment, potential broadening of the Pilot's scope, and determination of the best options to maintain or operationalize the [DaCH Pilot] functionality. This enlargement of time is crucial for gathering feedback and metrics essential for the Companies to develop an informed and comprehensive request regarding the Pilot and will aid in the development of a sound record for the Commission's decision-making in this proceeding.⁹

⁹Motion at 4-5.

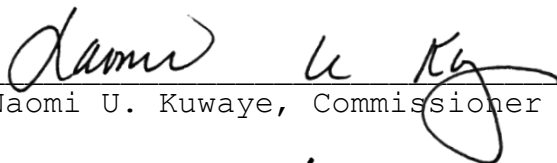
Hawaiian Electric further represents that the Consumer Advocate does not oppose this request.¹⁰

Upon considering the above and the record in this proceeding, the Commission finds that there is good cause to grant Hawaiian Electric's request.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii MARCH 7, 2024.


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By 
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By 
Naomi U. Kuwaye, Commissioner

By 
Colin A. Yost, Commissioner

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¹⁰Motion at 5.

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