

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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By this Order,¹ the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), on its own motion, suspends the procedural schedule established by Order No. 38293² pending review of the letter and proposed schedule submitted by the Working Group on November 10, 2022 ("Letter Request").³

¹Order No. 35566, "Opening the Docket," filed on July 10, 2018, named HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.; HAWAI'I ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.; and MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED (collectively, "HECO Companies"); and the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY as Parties to this proceeding.

Additionally, the Commission has granted intervenor status to DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES COUNCIL OF HAWAII; ENERGY ISLAND; the MICROGRID RESOURCES COALITION; and ULUPONO INITIATIVE LLC.

²Order No. 38293, "(1) Prioritizing Issues for Resolution in Phase 2 of this Docket and (2) Establishing a Phase 2 Procedural Schedule," filed on April 1, 2022 ("Order No. 38293").

³Joint Letter From: M. Chang and C. Senda To: Commission Re: Docket No. 2018-0163 - Microgrid Services Tariff; Working Group's Proposed Schedule, filed on November 10, 2022 ("Letter Request").

On April 1, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 38293, which: (1) prioritized issues for resolution in Phase 2 of this docket and (2) set forth a procedural schedule to guide Phase 2 of this docket. Pursuant to the procedural schedule in Order No. 38293: (1) the Parties' Phase 2 Working Group Report is due on Wednesday, November 23, 2022; (2) a Technical Conference to discuss the Phase 2 Working Group Report is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2022; (3) the HECO Companies' draft revised Microgrid Services Tariff, Rule 14H Updates, and any related documents and revisions are due on Friday, January 6, 2023; and 4) Parties' comments on proposed revisions to the draft revised Microgrid Services Tariff, Rule 14H updates, and any related documents and revisions are due on Monday, February 6, 2023.⁴

On October 27, 2022, pursuant to the procedural schedule in Order No. 38293, the Commission held the third Status Conference for Phase 2 of this proceeding, via WebEx, to discuss the Working Group's progress towards completing the requested work products for Phase 2 of this docket ("Status Conference").

On October 31, 2022, the Commission issued a letter ("Guidance Letter") summarizing guidance it provided to the Working Group during the Status Conference, as well as providing

⁴See Order No. 38293 at 38.

additional guidance, to assist the Working Group in finalizing its Phase 2 Working Group Report ("Report"). The Guidance Letter furthermore advised the Working Group that if additional time was needed to address the Commission's guidance and additional requirements, "the Working Group should inform the Commission of a new timeline for the Report within ten (10) days from the date of [the Guidance Letter]."⁵

On November 10, 2022, consistent with the Commission's Guidance Letter, the Working Group submitted the Letter Request with a proposed schedule for the Commission's consideration and review.⁶ The proposed schedule contemplates extending the procedural schedule for Phase 2 through and beyond Wednesday, April 26, 2023, including additional Working Group meetings to discuss and address various topics raised during the Status Conference and in the Commission's Guidance Letter.

In light of the above, the Commission, on its own motion, temporarily suspends the procedural schedule set forth in Order No. 38293 while it considers the Working Group's proposed schedule contained in the Letter Request. Further guidance regarding the procedural schedule will be provided by subsequent Commission order.

⁵Guidance Letter at 4.

⁶See Letter Request at 1.


THE COMMISSION ORDERS:


1. The procedural schedule established in Order No. 38293 is suspended.

2. Further guidance regarding the procedural schedule will be provided by subsequent Commission order.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii November 21, 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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