

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION)
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Instituting a Proceeding to)
Investigate Establishment of a)
Microgrid Services Tariff.)
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DOCKET NO. 2018-0163

ORDER NO. 36106

- (1) PROVIDING ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR OPENING BRIEFS, AND
(2) EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR REPLY BRIEFS

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By this Order, the Public Utilities Commission ("commission"): (1) provides additional guidance to the Parties regarding the Preliminary Questions to be answered in the Opening Briefs, and (2) extends the deadline for Parties to file Reply Briefs.

I.

BACKGROUND

A.

Technical Conference

On January 9, 2019, the commission held a Technical Conference in this docket, pursuant to Order No. 35884 "(1) Granting Motions to Intervene; (2) Scheduling Technical

Conference; and (3) Setting Deadlines for Opening Briefs and Reply Briefs."¹

Based on the presentations and discussion at the Technical Conference, the commission hereby: (1) provides additional guidance regarding the Preliminary Questions to be answered in the Opening Briefs and (2) extends the deadline for Parties to file Reply Briefs.

B.

Additional Guidance for Answering the Commission's Preliminary Questions in the Opening Briefs

1. In answering the sixth Preliminary Question in Section III.A. of Order No. 35884 ("How should existing tariffs/programs (e.g., Smart Export, Demand Response, CBRE, etc.) be coordinated and harmonized with the microgrid services tariff, if at all?"²), the Parties are encouraged to map out and identify the existing tariffs and programs already addressing and/or providing guidelines for services relevant to a microgrid.

¹Order No. 35884, "(1) Granting Motions to Intervene; (2) Scheduling Technical Conference; and (3) Setting Deadlines for Opening Briefs and Reply Briefs," filed on November 21, 2018 ("Order No. 35884"), at 24.

²Order No. 35884 at 26.

2. In answering the seventh Preliminary Question in Section III.A. of Order No. 35884 ("How should interconnection standards and procedures be modified, if at all, to enable the safe and reliable integration of microgrids with Hawaii's electric grids (including development of new standards and procedures if necessary)?"³), the Parties are directed to answer, with specificity and supporting details, the following questions, at a minimum:

a. What guidelines should be included in the microgrid services tariff with respect to interconnection?

b. How would the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Rule 14.H., "Interconnection of Distributed Generating Facilities with the Company's Distribution System,"⁴ need to be modified, if at all?

³Order No. 35884 at 26.

⁴See https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/documents/billing_and_payment/rates/hawaiian_electric_rules/14.pdf.

C.

Deadlines for Opening Briefs and Reply Briefs

The deadline for Parties to file their Opening Briefs remains unchanged. Parties must file their Opening Briefs by Friday, February 8, 2019.⁵

Following the filing of their Opening Briefs and in preparation for their Reply Briefs, Parties are encouraged to confer with each other and to resolve any questions and obtain any needed clarifications with respect to the matters presented in the Opening Briefs. To this end, the commission, on its own motion, hereby extends the deadline for Parties to file Reply Briefs from Friday, February 22, 2019, to Monday, March 11, 2019.

II.

ORDERS

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The Parties' Opening Briefs, in addition to responding to the Preliminary Questions outlined in Section III.A. of Order No. 35884, shall also answer the questions outlined above in Section I.B. of this Order.

⁵See Order No. 35884 at 26.

2. The deadline for Parties to file Reply Briefs is extended from Friday, February 22, 2019, to Monday, March 11, 2019.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii JAN 22 2019.

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