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PUC Opens Docket and Invites Public Comment on The Hawaiian Electric Companies' Grid Modernization Strategy

HONOLULU – After receiving input from stakeholders and the public, the HECO Companies filed their Final Grid Modernization Strategy with the Commission on August 29, 2017. The Commission has opened Docket No. 2017-0226 to serve as a repository for the HECO Companies' Final Grid Modernization Strategy and any comments from the public.

The Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") invites all interested parties to submit public comments regarding the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Final Grid Modernization Strategy. The HECO Companies (Hawaiian Electric Co., Inc., Maui Electric Co. Ltd., and Hawaii Electric Light Co., Inc.) serve the islands of Hawaii, Lanai, Maui, Molokai, and Oahu.

In January 2017, the Commission directed the HECO Companies to develop a Grid Modernization Strategy to provide context and support for future grid modernization projects proposed by the HECO Companies. The HECO Companies submitted an initial draft Grid Modernization Strategy on June 30, 2017.

Modernization of Hawaii's electric power systems, which will include the deployment of technologies such as grid management systems, communication infrastructure, sensors, and automated controls, is fundamental to integrating renewable energy and achieving the state's energy goals.

A copy of the HECO Companies' Final Grid Modernization Strategy is available to view online through the HECO Companies' web site at: https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/Documents/about_us/investing_in_the_future/final_august_2017_grid_modernization_strategy.pdf. The HECO Companies' Final Grid Modernization Strategy is also filed in Docket No. 2017-0226 available to view on the Commission's Document Management System at: <http://dms.puc.hawaii.gov/dms/>.

Written comments on the Final Grid Modernization Strategy may be sent by electronic mail to puc.comments@hawaii.gov or mailed to the Commission at:

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All written comments should reference Docket No. 2017-0226, and include the commenter's name and the entity or organization the commenter represents. The Commission will review and consider any written comments that are received by the close of business on September 13, 2017.

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