

EXHIBIT 7: CONFIDENTIALITY JUSTIFICATION TABLE

Pursuant to Protective Order No. 36148, the Hawaiian Electric Companies hereby identify redacted confidential and/or proprietary information that is being submitted as “confidential information” and: (1) identifies, in reasonable detail, the confidential information’s source, character, and location; (2) states clearly the basis for the claim of confidentiality; and (3) describes, with particularity, the cognizable harm to the producing party or participant from any misuse or unpermitted disclosure of the information.

Reference	Identification of Item	Basis of Confidentiality	Harm
Transmittal filing on Companies’ Submission of Proposed Final Draft Requests for Proposals, Exhibits 5 and 6	The Hawaiian Electric Companies’ proposed (1) Variable Renewable Dispatchable Generation and Energy Storage Stage 2 Proposal Receipt and Proposal Evaluation Protocol and (2) Delivery of Grid Services Via Customer-Sited Distributed Energy Resources Bid Receipt and Bid Evaluation Protocol.	Confidential commercial and financial information which falls under the frustration of legitimate government function exception of the Uniform Information Practices Act (“UIPA”).	<p>Public disclosure of the subject confidential information could cause the Companies to be competitively disadvantaged in their proposed procurement. The Companies believe that public disclosure of this information could dissuade the market from setting the most competitive pricing for renewable generation and storage and/or give an unfair business advantage to potential proposers, resulting in increased costs or other prejudice to the Companies and their customers. Furthermore, Section IV.H of the Framework for Competitive Bidding provides that in a closed bidding process “bidders shall not have access to the utility’s bid evaluation models, the detailed criteria used to evaluate bids, or information contained in proposals submitted by other bidders.”</p> <p>The Companies maintain that the subject information falls under the frustration of legitimate government function exception of the UIPA, as disclosure of the subject information would impair the Commission’s ability to obtain necessary information to properly perform its review of this regulatory proceeding (as the Companies would not have submitted the confidential information in this docket at this time but for: (1) the</p>

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			<p>governmental function of reviewing the Companies' draft RFPs; and (2) the Companies' belief and reliance that the information would not be publicly disclosed).</p> <p>The confidential information: (1) has not been previously disclosed or otherwise publicly disseminated; (2) is not of the kind of information that the Companies would customarily disclose to the public at this juncture; and (3) is of a nature that its disclosure could (a) impair the Commission's ability to obtain necessary information from similarly situated parties in the future, and (b) cause substantial harm to the Companies and/or its customers as previously described above.</p>