



June 8, 2020

The Honorable Chair and Members
of the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanao'a Building, First Floor
465 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: Docket No. 2019-0178 – To Institute a Proceeding Relating to a Competitive Bidding Process to Acquire Dispatchable and Renewable Generation Paired with Energy Storage for the Islands of Moloka'i and Lāna'i
Combining the Request for Proposals with the Community Based Renewable Energy Request for Proposals for the Island of Lāna'i

Dear Commissioners:

The Hawaiian Electric Companies,¹ in consultation with the Independent Observer, propose combining the following request for proposals (“RFPs”):

1. Request for Proposals for Variable Renewable Dispatchable Generation Paired with Energy Storage, Island of Lāna'i, dated November 27, 2019, and updated on March 10, 2020.
2. Request for Proposals for Phase 2 of the Community Based Renewable Energy Program, Island of Lāna'i, in response to Public Utility Commission's Order No. 37070, filed April 9, 2020 in Docket No. 2015-0389.

The Companies present this proposal in line with the Commission's guidance in its March 24, 2020 Statement from Hawaii Public Utilities Commission on COVID-19 Emergency, which stated: “[C]lean energy development can accelerate Hawaii's recovery from the crisis. Therefore, the Commission invites creative proposals and new programs that can support and expand clean energy job opportunities.” Due to overlapping objectives, the Companies believe that combining these RFPs will allow the Companies to optimize the benefits of procuring renewable energy for the Island of Lāna'i, spurring development and increasing the likelihood of success of the Community Based Renewable Energy (“CBRE”) Program on Lāna'i. For

¹ The “Hawaiian Electric Companies” or “Companies” are Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc., and Maui Electric Company, Limited (“Maui Electric”). Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Limited, and Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc. are each doing business as “Hawaiian Electric” and have jointly registered “Hawaiian Electric” as a trade name with the State of Hawai'i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, as evidenced by Certificate of Registration No. 4235929, dated December 20, 2019.

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example, the unique land ownership aspects on the Island of Lānaʻi present a challenge for siting renewable energy projects. Combining the RFPs will allow the Companies to work with the majority landowner, Pūlama Lānaʻi, to designate a predetermined site to facilitate expeditious development of a renewable energy project that meets the objectives of both RFPs. Combining the RFPs would allow for economies of scale to reduce the cost of a project. It would also allow for one interconnection to the grid, which should reduce costs to customers versus having multiple projects each with their own point of interconnection. Finally, there were no projects proposed for Lānaʻi for Phase 1 of the CBRE Program. By combining the RFPs and providing a site for a project, the Companies believe there would be an increased chance of success for the CBRE Program.

A notice regarding the combined Lānaʻi RFP was made available to the public on Maui Electric's website at www.mauielectric.com/lanaicompetitivebidding on June 8, 2020. Further details describing the benefits of this approach and the details of the RFP will be provided with the filing of the draft combined Lānaʻi RFP filing in Docket No. 2015-0389 on July 9, 2020. The Companies are excited for this opportunity to allow access to renewable energy benefits to a wider array of customers on the Island of Lānaʻi.

Sincerely,



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