



September 9, 2022

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

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 2015-0389 – Community-Based Renewable Energy Program
Request to close the Moloka'i CBRE RFP and Status Update

The Companies¹ respectfully request to close the Moloka'i Community-Based Renewable Energy ("CBRE") Programs Request for Proposals ("RFP") without a Final Award Group awardee, and hereby provide a status update with the RFP Proposer.

With consultation and concurrence of the Independent Observer ("IO"), the Company has concluded the Best and Final Offer bids in the Moloka'i CBRE RFP did not result in a selectable project. Therefore, the Company proposes to close the Moloka'i CBRE RFP. Recognizing the unique circumstances on Moloka'i, the Company does understand the importance of collaborating with Moloka'i community groups to ensure that the implementation of any RFP results in projects that provide the most value for the community. As such the Company is updating the Commission on its discussion with the Moloka'i CBRE RFP's only bidder, Ho'āhu Energy Cooperative Moloka'i ("HECM").

HECM is an independent community-led group committed to help Moloka'i become a resilient, affordable, clean energy community. HECM is a grassroots nonprofit cooperative formed to develop energy projects for the island of Moloka'i. HECM submitted two proposals for projects in the Moloka'i CBRE RFP. The Company, with concurrence from the IO, determined the proposals could not be awarded as priced in the RFP as the credit rate proposed by HECM would shift costs to the CBRE program non-subscribers and ultimately raise energy bills to Moloka'i customers not participating in CBRE.

On August 23, 2022 the Company met with members of HECM to notify them that they were the only bidder in the RFP and that neither project was selected to the Final Award Group for the reasons previously stated. Again, in consultation with the IO, the Company proposed to work with HECM to improve certain aspects of the projects outside of the RFP framework, with the goal of delivering a successful CBRE project to the residents of Moloka'i. HECM has agreed to negotiate with the Company on certain conditions. As such, the parties are amenable to working with each other and are scheduling a follow-up meeting between the HECM and the Hawaiian

¹ Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("Hawaiian Electric"), Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc. ("Hawai'i Electric Light"), and Maui Electric Company, Limited ("Maui Electric") are collectively referred to as the "Hawaiian Electric Companies" or "Companies".

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Electric teams to discuss details and share data and analysis. The Company agrees with HECM that a timely resolution is beneficial to all parties, and will work hard with HECM to reach a successful conclusion. The Company plans to file another status update with the Commission by September 30, 2022 to detail the progress of the negotiations.

The Companies appreciate this opportunity to provide this status update regarding the Moloka'i CBRE RFP, and look forward to any feedback from the Commission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rebecca Dayhuff Matsushima

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