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### **SATURDAY UPDATE 5 P.M.: Crews working to restore circuit serving essential services in Lahaina**

*Installation continues on Lahaina mobile substation*

**KAHULUI, Aug. 19, 2023** – In coordination with state and county response efforts on Maui, Hawaiian Electric crews are working to restore a critical circuit in West Maui that serves essential services, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, along with a county wastewater pumping facility in the Lahaina area.

Once that circuit is restored, coordination between county response teams and individual businesses and properties will determine next steps toward respective reopening at these commercial facilities.

In West Maui, crews are also working to restore a second critical circuit in Lahaina that serves additional businesses that provide essential services in the upcoming week. Installation of a second mobile substation that will serve the Launiupoko to Olowalu area is continuing. This mobile substation takes time to install to ensure safe and reliable connection to the island's electric system.

Crews continue working to restore pocket outages in Upcountry. More than 80% of the customers who lost electricity have their power back on. More than 90% of all customers on Maui have electricity. Approximately 1,800 customers in Olowalu, Lahaina and some surrounding areas remain without electricity. Hawaiian Electric has begun contacting those whose electricity may be restored beyond this week.

Additional materials and vehicles, including two more bucket trucks from Hawai'i Island, arrived on Maui to support restoration work. Hawaiian Electric has more than 400 employees and contractors actively working on Maui.

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