



September 19, 2023

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

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 2018-0165  
Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Integrated Grid Planning  
Notice of Revised IGP RFP Schedule

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The Hawaiian Electric Companies<sup>1</sup> hereby respectfully inform the Commission of necessary changes to the planned Integrated Grid Plan Request for Proposals (“IGP RFP”) schedule. As indicated in the Companies’ *Reply To Party Comments On Integrated Grid Plan*, filed on June 30, 2023, and response to PUC-HECO-IR-43, filed on July 25, 2023 in this proceeding, the Companies’ previously envisioned filing the draft IGP RFP for the Commission’s review in late 2023, with the intent of issuing the final IGP RFP by the end of March 2024.

Since an important part of the IGP process is to seek community input, and to be sensitive to and in consideration of the unprecedented situation on Maui, the Companies have decided to delay these plans by approximately six (6) months, with the intent to file the draft IGP RFP in approximately April 2024 and issue the final IGP RFP by late September 2024. The Companies will keep the Commission informed if further changes are anticipated.

Additionally, damage sustained to the Companies’ transmission and distribution (“T&D”) facilities in West Maui requires the Companies to re-evaluate interconnection options for Stage 3 RFP Maui projects. The rebuild of T&D facilities is uncertain as the immediate restoration with temporary structures may not reflect the long-term electrical configuration of the system, which the Companies intend on working with the West Maui community to rebuild. As the Companies continue to assess the system over the next few months, more information may become available to help guide the IGP RFPs.

Notwithstanding changes to the IGP RFP schedule, the Companies maintain the request for approval of the Integrated Grid Plan by October 2023, but no later than

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<sup>1</sup> Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc., and Maui Electric Company, Limited are collectively referred to as the “Hawaiian Electric Companies” or “Companies.”

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January 2024, as the Integrated Grid Plan provides guidance for not only renewable energy integration, but reliability and resilience. Having an approved Integrated Grid Plan will allow for a common starting point for dockets or other proceedings needed to ensure critical work continues for RPS compliance, hardening of the electrical system and ensuring generation reliability. In parallel to these efforts, the Companies' Stage 3 procurements continue to progress, as the reliability of the Companies' systems remains a high priority for the Companies and further guide the IGP RFPs.

Sincerely,

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