



October 29, 2021

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: Requesting the Commission to Open a Docket to Institute a Proceeding Relating to a Competitive Bidding Process to Acquire Energy Storage
Development of North Kohala Energy Storage RFP

Hawaiian Electric¹ respectfully request that the Commission open a docket for the Company's proposed request for proposals ("RFP") for a microgrid project for North Kohala. This docket would be to receive filings, review approval requests, and resolve disputes, if necessary, related to the RFP.

Recognizing the need for an Independent Observer for this RFP under the Framework for Competitive Bidding,² Hawaiian Electric respectfully requests that the Commission allow the Company to move forward with soliciting and hiring an Independent Observer to oversee the RFP process for the Commission, or alternatively requests the Commission to solicit and hire an Independent Observer.

Hawaiian Electric respectfully submits a proposed draft version of a North Kohala Energy Storage Request for Proposals for Hawai'i Island ("North Kohala Energy Storage RFP") and supporting documentation. The Company notes that this RFP should be filed in the docket that the Commission opens for this matter, as requested above.

Hawaiian Electric submits the following exhibits with this transmittal:

- Exhibit 1: Description of development of the draft North Kohala Energy Storage RFP;
- Exhibit 2: Proposed Timelines for the North Kohala Energy Storage RFP;

¹ Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc. is referred to as "Hawaiian Electric" or the "Company".

² See Decision and Order No. 23121 in Docket No. 03-0372 (To Investigate Competitive Bidding for New Generating Capacity in Hawai'i)

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- Exhibit 3: Hawaiian Electric Companies' Code of Conduct Pertaining to the Implementation of a Competitive Bidding Process for the North Kohala Energy Storage RFP ("Competitive Bidding Code of Conduct");
- Exhibit 4: Proposed draft North Kohala Energy Storage RFP;
- Exhibit 5: Draft Model Energy Storage Services Agreement ("ESSA")

The proposed drafts of the North Kohala Energy Storage RFP and model ESSA will be made available to the public on Hawaiian Electric's website at <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/NorthKohalaEnergyStorageRFP> ("RFP Website") no later than Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

The Company looks forward to working with the Commission, the Independent Observer, and stakeholders to finalize the RFP and launching a competitive and successful procurement.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rebecca Dayhuff Matsushima

Rebecca Dayhuff Matsushima
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Attachments

cc: Division of Consumer Advocacy