

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
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HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.)
HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.)
AND MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED)
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To Institute a Proceeding)
Relating To Competitive)
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By this Order,¹ the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), based on good cause shown, approves the Hawaiian Electric Companies' request to revise the schedules for the Stage 3 Requests for Proposals ("RFPs") for Oahu and Hawaii Island, and for the variable renewable dispatchable

¹The Parties to this docket are HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC., HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC., AND MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED (collectively referred to as "Hawaiian Electric" or the "Companies") and the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, ("Consumer Advocate"), an ex officio party, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules § 16-601-62(a).

generation ("RDG") portion of the Stage 3 RFP for Maui, filed on September 19, 2023.²

The Commission approved the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Stage 3 RFPs for Hawaii Island, Oahu, and Maui for firm renewable and variable RDG, as applicable, including their respective RFP schedules, pursuant to Orders No. 38479³ and 38735.⁴

On September 14, 2023, the Commission inquired about the status of the Stage 3 RFPs and sought additional information on any impacts the August 8, 2023 Maui wildfires may have on the

²Letter From: R. Matsushima To: Commission Re: Docket No. 2017-0352 - To Institute a Proceeding Relating to a Competitive Bidding Process to Acquire Dispatchable and Renewable Generation; "Responses to Commission's Questions and Request for Clarifications," filed on September 19, 2023 ("Revised RFP Schedule Request").

³Order No. 38479, "Approving the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Final Stage 3 Request for Proposals for Hawaii Island with Modifications and Issuing Guidance on the Proposed Stage 3 Requests for Proposals for Oahu and Maui," filed on June 30, 2022, as modified by Order No. 38653, "Addressing the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Motion for Partial Reconsideration and/or Clarification of Order No. 38479," filed on October 17, 2022.

⁴Order No. 38735, "Approving the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Final Stage 3 Requests for Proposals for Oahu and Maui, with Modifications," filed on December 1, 2022 ("Order No. 38735"); as clarified and/or modified by Order No. 38786, "Granting the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Motion for Clarification and/or Partial Reconsideration of Order No. 38735," filed on December 22, 2022; as modified by Order No. 38145, "Granting the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Motion for Leave to Suspend the Firm Generation Portion of the Maui Stage 3 Request for Proposals," filed on April 14, 2023; and Order No. 39772, "Approving the Hawaiian Electric Companies' Revised Maui Stage 3 Request for Proposals with Modifications," filed on May 11, 2023.

RFP schedule, among other things.⁵ On September 19, 2023, the Companies filed their response, which included a request that the current RFP schedules for the Stage 3 RFPs for Oahu and Hawaii Island, as well as the schedule for the variable RDG portion of the Maui Stage 3 RFP, be revised to extend the deadline for Final Award Group selection from October 27, 2023, to December 1, 2023.⁶ Additionally, the Companies request that the date on which Interconnection Requirements Studies (“IRS”) and contract negotiation begins also be extended from November 3, 2023, to December 8, 2023.⁷ The Companies further explain that no changes to the Guaranteed Commercial Operations Date (“GCOD”) for any Stage 3 projects are requested, and that, if possible, the Companies will advance the date for selection of the Final Award Group and the commencement date for IRS and contract negotiation as well.⁸

⁵Letter From: Commission To: K. Katsura Re: Docket No. 2017-0352, Competitive Bidding Process to Acquire Dispatchable and Renewable Generation, filed on September 14, 2023.

⁶Revised RFP Schedule Request at 1-2 and Attachment A.

⁷Revised RFP Schedule Request at Attachment A.

⁸Revised RFP Schedule Request at 2-3 and Attachment A n.1 and n.2.

In support of their request, the Companies state that:

- In response to the unprecedented situation affecting Maui, Maui Electric has activated its Incident Management Team ("IMT"), and Hawaiian Electric and Hawaii Electric Light have activated their IMTs to support the Maui IMT. The Companies' personnel required to evaluate proposals have been activated and are unable to devote the time and resources necessary to select the Final Award Group by the current Schedule Date of October 27, 2023.
- While the Companies do not know how long the IMTs will need to be activated to address and support the current situation on Maui, the Companies expect to be able to select the Final Award Group by December 1, 2023[,] for the Stage 3 Hawaii Island RFP, the Stage 3 Oahu RFP and the Stage 3 Maui Variable RFP.
- The damage sustained to the Companies' transmission and distribution ("T&D") facilities in West Maui requires the Companies to re-evaluate interconnection options for Maui projects. The rebuild of T&D facilities is uncertain as the immediate restoration with "temporary structures" may not reflect the electrical configuration of the system, which the Companies intend to work 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 evaluation of the proposed Stage 3 projects.⁹

The Commission finds that, in light of the need to address the ongoing situation on Maui and the Companies' representation that the revised RFP schedules will not impact the GCOD for Stage 3 projects, the Companies' request is reasonable

⁹Revised RFP Schedule Request at 2.

and approves the Proposed RFP Schedule, included as Attachment A of the Revised RFP Schedule Request. Within five business days of the date of this Order, the Companies shall update the RFP schedules, as approved, and shall use any and all available means of communicating the revisions of the RFP schedules, including but not limited to updating information on the Stage 3 RFP webpages and disseminating such information through direct emails to the Companies' RFP distribution list and through PowerAdvocate to all registered parties.

Additionally, the Commission is cognizant that there may be issues on Maui that impact the Maui Stage 3 RFP proposals and requests that the Companies provide more detail on the damage that has occurred, including when the Companies expect to complete their assessment of the damage and how such damage impacts the firm renewable generation and/or variable RDG proposed projects. The Companies should also provide additional details on whether the damage to facilities in West Maui may require further modification to the RFP schedule for Maui Stage 3 RFP variable RDG proposals and, if so, when the Companies anticipate making such determination and/or plan to submit the necessary requests to the Commission. The Companies shall provide the requested information to the Commission within fourteen days of the date of this Order.

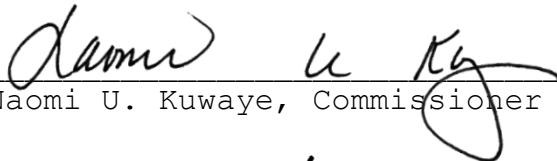
Finally, the Commission instructs the Companies to file by November 1, 2023, a status update on the Companies' progress to either meet or advance the dates for selection of the Final Award Group and to begin IRS and contract negotiations.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii SEPTEMBER 27, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Naomi U. Kuwaye, Commissioner

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