

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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By this Order, the commission opens this docket to serve as a repository for the Hawaiian Electric Companies'<sup>1</sup> Final Grid Modernization Strategy, and any filings and public comments related thereto.

By Order No. 34436,<sup>2</sup> filed in Docket No. 2016-0087 on March 9, 2017, the commission directed the HECO Companies to "make an initial draft of the Grid Modernization Strategy available for stakeholder review and comment no later than

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<sup>1</sup>Hawaiian Electric Companies ("HECO Companies" or "the Companies"), refers to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO"), Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO"), and Maui Electric Company, Limited ("MECO").

<sup>2</sup>In re Hawaiian Elec. Co., Inc., Hawaii Elec. Light Co., Inc., and Maui Elec. Co., Ltd., Docket No. 2016-0087, Order No. 34436 "Addressing Motion for Partial Reconsideration," filed on March 9, 2017, at 15-16 ("Order No. 34436").

June 30, 2017[,]" and ordered that "final Grid Modernization Strategy documents shall be filed with the commission no later than August 29, 2017."<sup>3</sup> The HECO Companies filed their draft Grid Modernization Strategy on June 30, 2017.<sup>4</sup>

The commission now states as follows regarding this docket:

1. The commission does not consider the subject docket to be a contested case proceeding.

2. As this docket pertains to the Companies' Grid Modernization Strategy, the commission names the Companies as a party to this proceeding. The commission also names as a party the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate"), the agency statutorily mandated to represent, protect, and advance the interests of consumers of utility service and, ex officio, a party to commission proceedings.

3. As a repository docket, the commission specifically excludes from this Order any language which invites interested persons to move to intervene or participate in said docket.

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<sup>3</sup>Order No. 34436 at 15.

<sup>4</sup>In re Hawaiian Elec. Co., Inc., Hawaii Elec. Light Co., Inc., and Maui Elec. Co., Ltd., Docket No. 2016-0087, "HECO Companies' Grid Modernization Strategy (Draft) for Stakeholder Review and Comment - 'Modernizing Hawaii's Grid for Our Customers,'" filed on June 30, 2017.

Instead, the subject repository docket, by design, provides interested persons with the opportunity to participate in this docket without the need to formally intervene.

4. As such, the commission solicits comments from the public on the HECO Companies' Final Grid Modernization Strategy, and instructs that such comments be filed in this docket by September 13, 2017.

5. The commission will set forth any next steps for addressing the Final Grid Modernization Strategy after reviewing the Strategy and the public comments filed in the docket.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. This docket is opened as a repository for the HECO Companies' Final Grid Modernization Strategy, and for any related filings and public comments thereto.

2. The HECO Companies' Final Grid Modernization Strategy shall be filed in this docket.

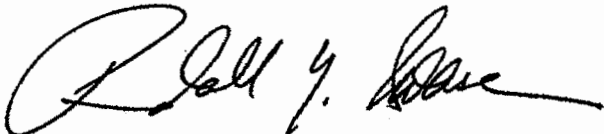
3. The HECO Companies and the Consumer Advocate are named as Parties to this docket.

4. Public comments on the Grid Modernization Strategy shall be filed in this docket by September 13, 2017.

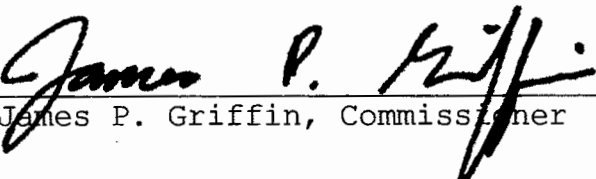
5. The commission will set forth any next steps for addressing the Final Grid Modernization Strategy after reviewing the Strategy and the public comments filed in the docket.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii AUG 29 2017.

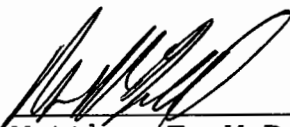
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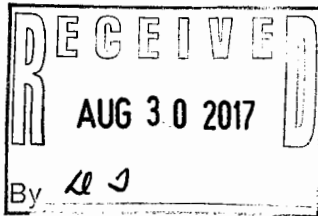
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