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George I. Atta, FAICP, Director
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City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Atta:

Thank you for your October 2, 2014 inquiry regarding the application of First Wind (d.b.a. Waiawa PV, LLC) ("First Wind") to the City and County of Honolulu for a Special Use Permit to build a 47 megawatt solar photovoltaic system on a 313 acre portion of property contained within Tax Map Key 9-5-003:004. In your memorandum to the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), you specifically request that all receiving agencies:

[E]valuate the impact of the project on the public facilities and services which are planned or provided by your Department and indicate whether they are adequate to serve the project. If public facilities and services are not adequate, indicate what improvements would be necessary to support the project.

The Commission's role and authority is limited in this matter to the review of a negotiated power purchase agreement between First Wind and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

I hope the information provided above is helpful for your review and for understanding the role of the Commission in this process. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 586-2020 in the event you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Hermina Morita
Chair, Public Utilities Commission

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