

EXHIBIT "7"

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

**SUBJECT: In The Matter Of The Application Of AES LAWA'I SOLAR, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for a Use Permit, a Class IV Zoning Permit, and a Special Permit for real property situated at Kōloa and Lāwa'i, Kona, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, identified by Kaua'i Tax Map Key No. (4) 2-6-003:001 (por.)
Use Permit No. U-2018-1
Class IV Zoning Permit No. Z-IV-2018-1
Special Permit No. SP-2018-2**

To Whom It May Concern:

AES Lawa'i Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Applicant"), has filed the above-referenced Application with the Planning Commission of the County of Kauai.

I have enclosed a copy of a "Notice of Public Hearing Before The Planning Commission Of The County Of Kauai", together with a copy of an August 22, 2017 Publication, from the County of Kauai Planning Department, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii, concerning the public hearing on the Application which will be conducted by the Planning Commission on **Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., or soon thereafter, at the Lihue Civic Center, Mo'ikeha Building, Meeting Room 2A-2B, 4444 Rice Street, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.**

The purpose of the Application is to have the Planning Commission approve Use Permit U-2018-1, Class IV Zoning Permit Z-IV-2018-1, and Special Permit SP-2018-2 to allow the Applicant to develop new improvements on certain property ("Subject Property") located at Kōloa and Lāwa'i, Kona, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii. The Planning Commission's decision concerning the Special Permit will be advisory to the State Land Use Commission, which will make the final decision on the approval or denial of the Special Permit.

The Applicant wishes to construct a Solar Project consisting of: an approximately 28 Mega Watt-Direct Current (MW-DC)/20 Mega Watt-Alternating Current (MW-AC) ground-mount solar PV system, coupled with a 20 MW-AC/100 Mega Watt hour (MWh) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), and related interconnection and ancillary facilities ("Solar Facility"); two Staging Areas to be used during the construction of the Solar Facilities; and various access roads. The Solar Facility will be ground-mounted and will consist of the following: (1) solar resource and weather measurement equipment; (2) supporting structures; (3) operation and maintenance equipment and facilities; (4) foundations and pads; (5) footings; (6) access roads; (7) fences and security facilities; (8) one or more photovoltaic power systems, including, without limitation, solar panels, mounting substrates or supports, wiring and connections, power inverters, service equipment, metering equipment, utility interconnections, energy storage and any and all related equipment; (9) electric transmission and distribution lines, including wires, poles, and towers; and (10) other related facilities and equipment for the collection, transmission, distribution, storage and sale of electric power generated on the Subject Property.

In accordance with Section 8-8.4(4), Section 8-9.4(b), Section 8-3.1(f), and Section 8-3.2(f) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, as codified in the Kauai County Code, 1987, as amended, Section 15-15-95(d) of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, and Section 1-13-5(d) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Kauai County Planning Commission, the Applicant is required to mail written notice of the Public Hearing at least 20 days prior to the Public Hearing to at least eighty-five percent (85%) of all parcels of real property located within a three hundred-foot (300') radius of the Subject Property, as well as any other persons or entities who have requested that they be given notice of proceedings.

This Notice is being given to the persons or owners listed in the current Notice of Real Property Assessment Card File located at the Real Property Division of the Department of Finance of the County of Kauai. Consequently, we are sending you a copy of the enclosed Notice.

A copy of the Application is available for your review at the Planning Department of the County of Kauai, at 4444 Rice Street, Suite 473, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.

In the event you have any questions concerning the Application, or in the event you are in need of any further information or clarification regarding the Application or the matters described in this letter, please feel free to contact me at (808) 246-6962.

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

BELLES GRAHAM PROUDFOOT
WILSON & CHUN, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Max W. J. Graham, Jr.', written over the printed name.

Max W. J. Graham, Jr.

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Enclosures

COUNTY OF KAUAI PLANNING DEPARTMENT, LIHUE, KAUAI

4444 Rice St., Kapule Building, Lihue, Hawaii 96766. Tel: 241-4050. Pursuant to the provisions of State Land Use Commission Rules and Regulations and Chapter 8 of the Kauai County Code 1987, as amended, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the County of Kauai at the Lihue Civic Center, Moikeha Building, Meeting Rooms 2A and 2B, 4444 Rice Street, Lihue, Kauai on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, starting at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter to consider the following:

1. Special Permit SP-2018-2, Use Permit U-2018-1 and Class IV Zoning Permit Z-IV-2018-1 to construct and operate a solar utility facility on a parcel located on the makai side of Koloa Road, approx. 600 ft. south east of the Koloa Road and Lawailoa Lane intersection, further identified as Tax Map Key (4) 2-6-003:001, and containing a project area of approx. 196.33 acres of a 1,062.291 acre parcel.

All persons may present testimony for or against any application as public witnesses. Such testimony should be made in writing and presented to the Department prior to the hearing. Late written testimony may be submitted up to seven days after the close of the hearing in cases where the Commission does not take action on the same day as the hearing. Any party may be represented by counsel if he or she so desires. Also, individuals may appear on their own behalf, a member of a partnership may represent the partnership, and an officer or authorized employee of a corporation or trust or association may represent the corporation, trust or association. Petitions for intervenor status must be submitted to the Commission and the applicant at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing advertised herein and shall be in conformance with Chapter 4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Planning Commission. Proposed plans, bills and the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Planning Commission are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address above. Copies of the proposal may be mailed to any person willing to pay the required fees for copying and postage. Mailing requests may be made to the Department in writing at the address above. Special accommodations for those with disabilities are available upon request five days prior to the meeting date by contacting the Department at the information above. KAUAI PLANNING COMMISSION, Kimo M. Keawe, Chairperson, By Michael A. Dahilig, Clerk of the Commission.

For August 22, 2017 Publication

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI

A public hearing before the Planning Commission of the County of Kauai has been scheduled in this matter to allow the Planning Commission to take testimony from the Applicant and public witnesses. The schedule for, and subject matter of, the hearing is as follows:

I. PUBLIC HEARING.

1. Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017
2. Time: 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.
3. Place of Hearing: Lihue Civic Center
Mo'ikeha Building
Meeting Room 2A-2B
4444 Rice Street
Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii 96766
4. Purpose: To allow the Planning Commission to take testimony from the Applicant and interested members of the public concerning the Application in this matter.
5. Permits under consideration: Use Permit U-2018-1, Class IV Zoning Permit Z-IV-2018-1, and Special Permit SP-2018-2
6. Applicant: AES Lawa'i Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

II. APPLICATION.

The Applicant, AES Lawa'i Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, wishes to construct a Solar Project consisting of: an approximately 28 Mega Watt-Direct Current (MW-DC)/20 Mega Watt-Alternating Current (MW-AC) ground-mount solar PV system, coupled with a 20 MW-AC/100 Mega Watt hour (MWh) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), and related interconnection and ancillary facilities ("Solar Facility"); two Staging Areas to be used during the construction of the Solar Facilities; and various access roads. The Solar Facility will be ground-mounted and will consist of the following: (1) solar resource and weather measurement equipment; (2) supporting structures; (3) operation and maintenance equipment and facilities; (4) foundations and pads; (5) footings; (6) access roads; (7) fences and security facilities; (8) one or more photovoltaic power systems, including, without limitation, solar panels, mounting substrates or supports, wiring and connections, power inverters, service equipment, metering equipment, utility interconnections, energy storage and any and all related

equipment; (9) electric transmission and distribution lines, including wires, poles, and towers; and (10) other related facilities and equipment for the collection, transmission, distribution, storage and sale of electric power generated on the Subject Property.

A complete copy of the Application filed in this matter, together with maps, studies, reports, photographs, plans, and other supporting materials (collectively, the "Plans"), is available for inspection at the Planning Department, Lihue Civic Center, Mo'ikeha Building, Suite 473, 4444 Rice Street, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii 96766.

III. DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY.

The Solar Project will be developed within a large parcel known as Lot B-1 which contains 1,062.291 acres, is located in Kōloa and Lāwa'i, Kona, Kauai, Hawaii, and is identified by Kauai Tax Map Key No. (4) 2-6-003:001. The Solar Project will be located on a 210.466 acre portion of Lot B-1 referred to as the Subject Property. The Subject Property is shown on the map attached hereto as *Exhibit "1"*.

IV. PROCESS.

After completion of the public hearing process in this case, at the originally scheduled hearing date or at such subsequent hearing dates as may be held, the Planning Commission will decide whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the Application. The Planning Commission's decision regarding the Use Permit and the Zoning Permit will be final, subject to any party's or aggrieved person's right to file an appeal in the Fifth Circuit Court, State of Hawaii. The Planning Commission's decision regarding the Special Permit is advisory only to the Land Use Commission of the State of Hawaii.

All interested persons may present testimony for or against the Application as public witnesses. Such testimony may be made in writing and may be presented to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. Late written testimony may be submitted up to seven (7) days after the close of the public hearing in cases where the Planning Commission does not take action on the same day the hearing was held.

Any party may be represented by counsel if he or she so desires. In addition, individuals may appear on their own behalf, a member of a partnership or limited liability company may represent the partnership or limited liability company, and an officer or authorized employee of a corporation or trust or association may represent the corporation, trust or association.

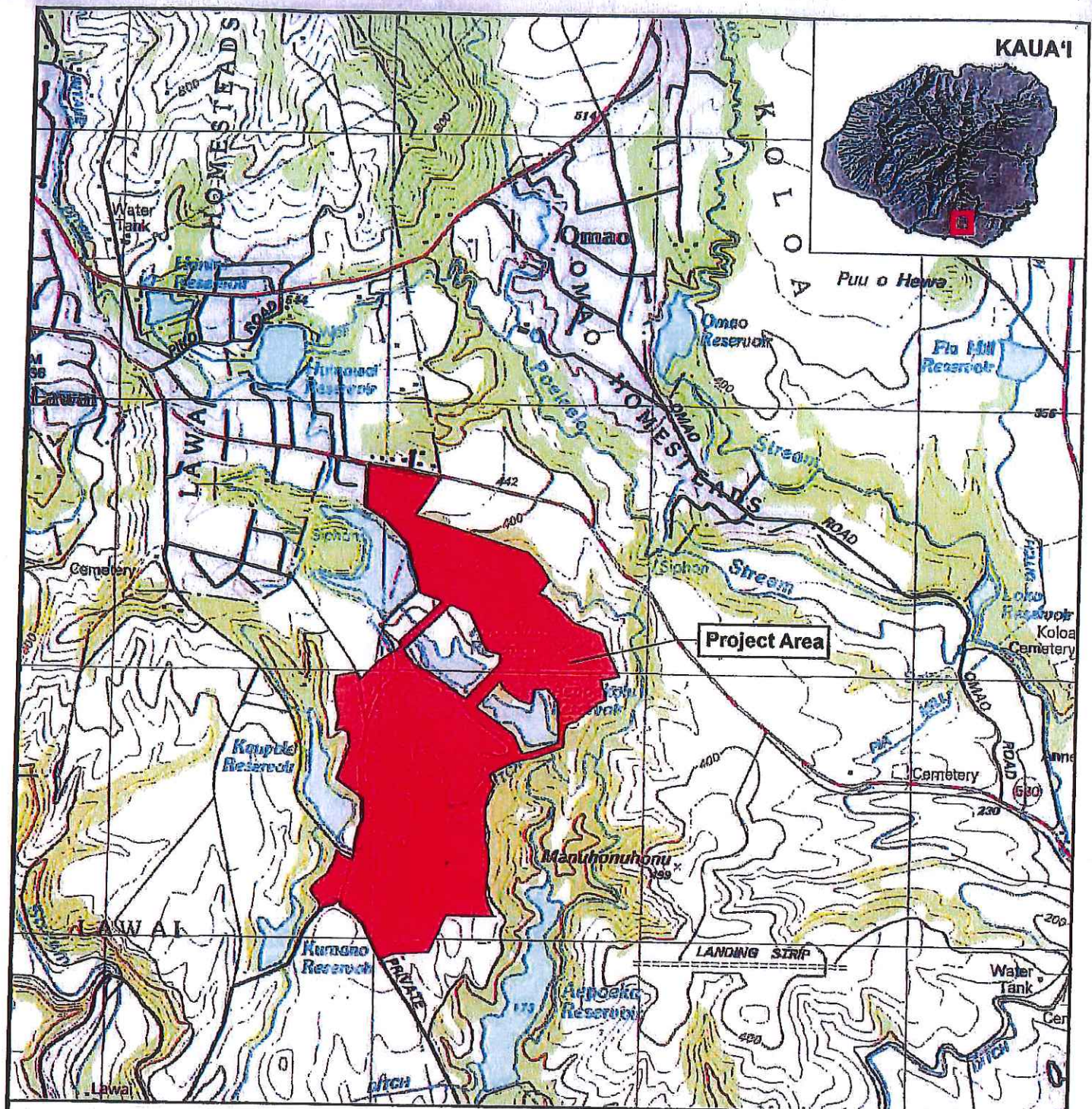
Petitions for intervenor status must be submitted to the Planning Commission at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing advertised herein and shall be in conformance with Chapter 4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Planning Commission.


The Application, Plans, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Planning Commission are available for inspection at the Planning Department which is located at 4444 Rice Street, Suite 473, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii 96766.

V. CONTACTS.

County of Kauai: Ka'aina Hull, Deputy Director of Planning, County of Kauai Planning Department (241-4050)

Applicant's Representative: Max W. J. Graham, Jr., Esq., Michael J. Belles, and Ian K. Jung, Belles Graham Proudfoot Wilson & Chun, LLP (246-6962)



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 Project Area

Scale
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Base Map: USGS Topographic Map, Koloa (1996) Quadrangle
 Data Sources: CSH

Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Inc.

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