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Via Email

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State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission
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Re: Docket No. A92-683, Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC's Motion for Modification and Time Extension

Dear Mr. Scheuer:

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("Hawaiian Electric") is pleased to provide the following comments regarding the Ho'ohana Solar project, as it relates to Docket No. A92-683 currently before you.

This renewable, dispatchable solar plus energy storage project was selected through a competitive request for proposals process, resulting in a power purchase agreement ("PPA") executed by Hawaiian Electric in December 2018. The PPA was approved by the State of Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") in March 2019. As the Commission may be aware, the state's renewable portfolio standards ("RPS") law requires Hawaiian Electric to have an RPS of 40% by 2030, 70% by 2040, and 100% by 2045. The Ho'ohana Solar project is estimated to contribute up to 1.3% towards Hawaiian Electric's consolidated RPS in 2022, with an average RPS impact of 1.4% between 2022 and 2041.

In addition, the PPA is expected to result in numerous benefits to Hawaiian Electric's customers, including monthly bill savings, reduced fossil fuel consumption and fuel supply reliability risk, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and grid stabilizing services. The current Ho'ohana Solar project is a 52 MW solar facility paired with battery storage and is expected to generate enough renewable energy to serve roughly 20,000 homes. It would be in all parties' interests to allow for the Motion for Modification and Time Extension. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Ho'ohana Solar project.

Sincerely,

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