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LAND USE COMMISSION  
STATE OF HAWAII

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Scott Derrickson, AICP  
Land Use Commission  
State of Hawai'i  
PO Box 2359  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804-2359

Re: Voluntary Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (VEISPN)  
Proposed Waena Generating Station Project  
Pulehu, Island of Maui, Hawai'i  
Tax Map Key: (2) 3-8-003:023 and 024

Dear Mr. Derrickson:

Planning Solutions, Inc. (PSI) is assisting Hawaiian Electric with planning and public outreach tasks for the proposed Waena Generating Station Project. We invite you to participate in the voluntary environmental review process for this proposal, which is associated with the Stage 3 Request for Proposal to provide renewable firm generating capacity on Maui. The VEISPN is the first step in the voluntary review process and can be downloaded at [https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/documents/community\\_and\\_education/community\\_events/06222023\\_voluntary\\_eispn\\_waena\\_generating\\_station.pdf](https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/documents/community_and_education/community_events/06222023_voluntary_eispn_waena_generating_station.pdf). For reasons detailed in Section 1.3 of the VEISPN, the proposal does not trigger Hawai'i Revised Statute (HRS) Chapter 343. Nevertheless, Hawaiian Electric has elected to voluntarily identify and discuss the proposal's potential environmental impacts and seek public input in a manner consistent with HRS Chapter 343.

One of the key reasons this proposal does not trigger HRS Chapter 343 is that in 1998, the Land Use Commission (LUC) as part of Docket A97-722 moved the subject site from the Agricultural District to the Urban District. The LUC amendment Decision and Order contained 17 conditions; a County of Maui Unilateral Agreement (UA) for the site contained similar conditions. Maui Planning Department staff have indicated that the currently proposed project complies with the UA conditions and that no additional approvals are required from them. Hawaiian Electric would appreciate receiving correspondence from the LUC confirming that the proposed project complies with its Decision and Order conditions and no approvals will be required from the LUC.

Hawaiian Electric will hold a public scoping meeting to collect input on July 11, 2023, starting at 5:30pm and ending at 7:00pm, at Hawaiian Electric's Maui baseyard auditorium (210 W. Kamehameha Avenue, Kahului). More information is available at <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/community-and-education/community-events/2023-upcoming-events>.

At this stage of the environmental review process, your input regarding the following is most useful:

- Are there any permits or approvals that will be required from the Land Use Commission?
- Are there any resources that you are concerned about in the project area or that could be affected by the project that are not identified in the VEISPN?
- Are there potential impacts that you believe should be addressed in the forthcoming Voluntary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (VDEIS)?
- Are there specific measures that you believe Hawaiian Electric should employ to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the potential impacts of the proposed project?

Electronic inquiries and comments are preferred and may be submitted to [julia@psi-hi.com](mailto:julia@psi-hi.com). All written inquiries and comments may be sent to:

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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

The deadline for your comments is July 27, 2023. Thank you for your participation in the voluntary environmental review process.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James T. Hayes