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Re: Docket A92-683: Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC Start of Commercial Operations

Dear Executive Officer Orodenker:

We are very pleased to report to you, your staff, and the members of the State Land Use Commission, that Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC ("Ho'ohana") officially started commercial operations of its 52 MW, 208 MWh battery storage solar farm located in Kunia. It has been a long and at times challenging effort to get to this point, but the project is now providing clean renewable energy for the Hawaiian Electric grid.

On behalf of my client, Ho'ohana, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to the Commission for its belief in and support for this solar farm project. Enclosed for your records is a Hawaiian Electric press release announcing this significant accomplishment.

Sincerely,

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New solar + battery storage project completes first stage of renewable energy projects on 3 island grids

Seven projects add 260 megawatts of clean power

HONOLULU, **July 22**, **2025** – The new Hoʻohana Solar project started commercial operations on July 11, 2025, marking the completion of the first stage of grid-scale renewable energy systems brought online through a competitive bidding process initiated by Hawaiian Electric in 2018. Collectively, these seven projects added 260 megawatts of renewable energy and 1,038 megawatt-hours of energy storage.

"Even as national energy priorities shift, Hawai'i remains committed to renewable energy because it makes sense for our state and for our customers and this marks a significant milestone. We all want to see that momentum continue to protect our environment, enhance resilience, and make energy more affordable," said Rebecca Dayhuff Matsushima, Hawaiian Electric vice president of resource procurement.

Ho'ohana Solar, a 52 MW solar project with a 208 MWh battery energy storage system, is located in Kunia, O'ahu and was developed by 174 Power Global. It is among the seven Stage 1 projects, which are:

- Oʻahu
 - AES West O'ahu Solar: 12.5 MW solar, 50 MWh battery storage
 - o Mililani 1 Solar: 39 MW solar, 156 MWh battery storage
 - Waiawa Solar Power: 36 MW solar, 144 MWh battery storage
 - o Ho'ohana Solar: 52 MW solar, 208 MWh battery storage
- Maui
 - AES Kuihelani: 60 MW solar, 240 MWh battery storage
- Hawai'i
 - o AES Waikoloa Solar: 30 MW solar, 120 MWh battery storage
 - Hale Kuawehi: 30 MW solar, 120 MWh battery storage

The procurement for this first stage of projects started in 2018 but there were construction delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and global supply chain issues. Hawaiian Electric initiated a second stage of project procurements in 2019 and a third stage in 2022.

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To date, Hawaiian Electric has reached 36% renewable energy across O'ahu, Maui County and Hawai'i Island and reduced its use of oil for power generation by 57 million gallons annually.

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