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September 10, 2020

Mr. Alexander de Roode, Energy Commissioner
Office of Economic Development
County of Maui
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Mr. de Roode:

**SUBJECT: HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC, CLEAN ENERGY
INVESTMENT IN HAWAII (WIT-104)**

Over the past three months, members of the Maui County Council have had numerous requests for meetings from developers of the large-scale solar projects selected in the Hawaiian Electric second-round procurement of renewable energy for Maui. I understand there are now five utility-scale solar projects on Maui that are working on the necessary studies and planning for their Public Utilities Commission and County Special Use Permit processes.

Due to the unprecedented number of projects that are now moving simultaneously and anticipated future projects on Moloka'i and Lana'i, there is confusion about what the County is trying to accomplish by procuring all this solar energy. From the meetings I have had with the different developers, I believe this is a tremendous opportunity for our islands and I want to see the County be as helpful as possible.

To that end, I am planning a 90-minute informational meeting in my Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation ("WIT") Committee to cover the overarching goals of the projects from different perspectives. I am inviting a group of panelists to present and answer questions from our WIT Committee members. I would like you, as our County Energy Commissioner, to speak about the Administration's support of the projects.

I am also inviting Scott Glenn, Chief Energy Officer at the Hawaii State Energy Office, to explain what the State's 100 percent renewable energy mandate

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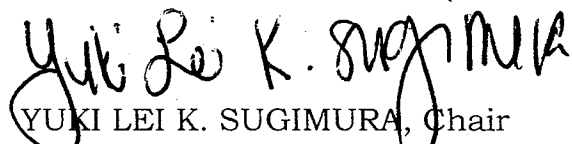
means for our County and to address related social-equity issues, considering those who cannot realize the full benefits of residential solar power because of the expense or because they live in multifamily housing. Scott Seu, President and CEO of Hawaiian Electric, will be speaking about a clear overview of the Power Supply Improvement Plan, the significance of the utility scale projects that were selected, and what this means for our County's electricity future. Dr. Carl Bonham, Executive Director of the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, will be speaking about the business, workforce, and economic opportunities the projects will bring. Fred Redell, Executive Director of Hawaii Clean Power Alliance, will represent the views of the solar developers, the challenges they face, and how our County government can help them succeed.

Our plan is to hold this meeting virtually on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. We will provide a video conference link for you to participate and will be scheduling a practice session with all panelists a couple weeks prior to the Committee meeting. My staff will help schedule this with you.

I look forward to hearing if you will be available for this unique opportunity to help educate our Committee members. The meeting will also be aired on our public access TV station, Akaku.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-870-8047 or yukilei.sugimura@mauicounty.us. Please RSVP to Legislative Analyst Laksmi Abraham at 808-342-4165 or laksmi.abraham@mauicounty.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yuki" and last name "Sugimura" being more prominent.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation
Committee

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Attachment

cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino

Maui County Council
Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee

Program: Maui's Energy Future

October 19, 2020

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- A. WIT Committee Chair Yuki Lei K. Sugimura
 - 1. Open meeting
 - 2. Take testimony
 - 3. Introduce panelists
- B. 1st presentation: Scott Glenn, Hawaii State Energy Office (10 minutes)
- C. 2nd Presentation: Scott Seu, Hawaiian Electric (10 minutes)
- D. 3rd Presentation: Dr. Carl Bonham, UHERO (10 minutes)
- E. 4th Presentation: Alex de Roode, County of Maui Energy Commissioner (5 minutes)
- F. 5th Presentation: Fred Redell, Hawaii Clean Power Alliance (10 minutes)
- G. Q&A from Council Committee Members (30 minutes or remaining time allotted)

Panelists are not required to have slides; however, if panelists choose to show slides, please keep them limited to no more than three per speaker.