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January 16, 2020

Mahina Martin, Director of Government and Community Affairs Hawaiian Electric Company P.O. Box 398 Kahului, HI 96733-6898

Dear Ms. Martin:

SUBJECT: 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY (EACP-17(4))

Thank you for your assistance at the Environmental, Agricultural, and Cultural Preservation Committee's January 7, 2020, meeting.

During that meeting, the Committee members requested additional information on the following topics:

- 1. New technology or initiatives to make photovoltaic more inexpensive for affordable homes,
- 2. The potential cost savings from installing a solar farm along Kuihelani Highway,
- 3. How individual homes can buy into large solar projects,
- 4. The responsibility to trim the trees that obstruct power lines in residential neighborhoods,
- 5. Hawaiian Electric's community-based renewable-energy programs in Maui County, and
- 6. The E-Gear pilot program on Molokai of installing batteries for solar panels installed in residential areas, and if there are any plans on expanding the program.

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May I request you provide your response by **January 31, 2019**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kasie Apo Takayama at (808) 270-7665, or Nicole Siegel at (808) 270-8008).

Sincerely,

SHANE M. SINENCI, Chair

Environmental, Agricultural, and

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