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To: Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern:

Re: Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.'s Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA") Climate Adaptation Resilience Application.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate") is a state agency established to protect, represent, and advance the interests of consumers of regulated utility and transportation services companies before the State of Hawaiʻi's Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") and local and federal agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over public utility services. The Consumer Advocate understands that Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("Hawaiian Electric"), the electric utility that serves the islands of Oʻahu, Maui, Hawaiʻi, Lānaʻi, and Molokaʻi, representing approximately ninety-five percent of the residents in the State of Hawaiʻi ("State"), is filing an application under the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant for federal funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, otherwise known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), for the Climate Adaptation Resilience Program ("Project").

The Consumer Advocate recognizes that the IIJA Application requires the applicant, Hawaiian Electric, to commit to matching at least 50% of the Project's costs ("Matching Amount"). For the following reasons, and subject to the following considerations, the Consumer Advocate generally supports Hawaiian Electric's IIJA Application.

Hawaiian Electric states that the proposed Project will support Hawaiʻi communities by implementing measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events (such as wildfires), and allow for faster restoration times. Based on information provided to the Consumer Advocate by Hawaiian Electric, the Consumer Advocate understands that the

Project has the potential to result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or advancing objectives of Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits. Hawaiian Electric proposes to deliver the Project in a way that ensures the planning and execution of the Project and operation of the infrastructure meet community needs and deliver benefits in a just and equitable manner. The Consumer Advocate supports Hawaiian Electric's approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and steadfast commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi and ensuring the proposed Project meets community needs.

Further, the Project will support various statutes and/or initiatives at state and local levels. For instance, at the state level, the Project supports Hawaiʻi's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) which mandates that each electric utility "shall establish a renewable portfolio standard of . . . [o]ne hundred per cent of its net electricity generation by December 31, 2045." The Project accomplishes this by hardening high-priority transmission restoration paths that may also have synergies with renewable energy zones (identified with the goal of developing additional transmission capacity to enable further integration of grid-scale renewable energy in Hawaiʻi).

At the local level, the Project is aligned with the Action items identified as part of the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency's Oʻahu Resilience Strategy (published in 2019). In particular, the Oʻahu Resilience Strategy identifies development of a long-term recovery plan to "provide a framework for large-scale redevelopment, rezoning, and re-positioning of critical infrastructure . . . including rebuilding damaged structures/infrastructure to be more resilient, [and] targeting new investment to safer areas."

The Consumer Advocate notes that Hawaiian Electric's ability to recover from ratepayers the Matching Amount will be subject to Commission approval. The Consumer Advocate agrees to make every reasonable effort to complete its review and make a recommendation to the Commission on Hawaiian Electric's Regulatory Application within 90 days of receipt of notification and documentation to the Commission that the subject IIJA funding request has been approved.[1]

Additionally, subject to the aforementioned approvals, the Consumer Advocate will participate as a stakeholder in Hawaiian Electric's community outreach and engagement efforts throughout the various stages of implementation of the proposed Project. The Consumer Advocate understands that the Company will seek broad participation of other

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stakeholders, communities, and customers to ensure that the proposed Project is developed in collaboration with and in support of the local community.

For the reasons stated above, the Consumer Advocate supports Hawaiian Electric's IIJA Application.

Sincerely yours,

By /s/ Dean Nishina
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Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu, I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events (such as wildfires), and allow for faster restoration times.

DEM coordinates emergency management programs for the City across preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery functions in collaboration state, federal, private, corporate, and non-government entities. Our mission, which we share with Hawaiian Electric, is to serve the one million residents of the island of Oahu even through the most challenging of circumstances we may face as a community.

DEM supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits. Most significantly for us, Hawaiian Electric's efforts will improve the safety and welfare of our community.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. DEM is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi to ensure the proposed project meets community needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hirokazu Toiya
Director

KEPAR

February 24, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Ko`olaupoko Emergency Preparedness and Response (KEPAR), I would like to voice support of Hawaiian Electric Company and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events such as wildfires and allow for faster restoration times.

KEPAR represents community members dedicated to helping local groups implement emergency preparedness projects that will make Ko`olaupoko (Windward Oahu) more resilient in responding to emergencies. KEPAR is focused on establishing an Emergency Response Team (ERT) in ach neighborhood within Ko`olaupoko, helping every business within Ko`olaupoko develop a Disaster Recovery Plan and creating a Community Outreach Program that will keep personal preparedness top of mind with the residents of Ko`olaupoko.

KEPAR plans to work with Hawaiian Electric to ensure its proposed resilience project supports quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on our past partnerships with Hawaiian Electric Company such as the Ko`olaupoko Community Resilience Initiative and the Windward Coast Emergency Preparedness Fair, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. KEPAR is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai'i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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March 29, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1260**, we would like to voice our support for the Hawaiian Electric Company's grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. Hawaiian Electric's project proposal will support quality union jobs to accelerate the deployment of transformative electric grid upgrades while also supporting the **resilience** of Hawaiʻi's electric grid. We believe the investment in this infrastructure project will create significant opportunities to expand quality union jobs.

IBEW Local 1260 and Hawaiian Electric have a rich collaborative history, which is evident by the 80 years of collective bargaining agreements (CBAs). Hawaiian Electric has demonstrated a willingness to work with the Union through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi. IBEW Local 1260 intends to continue working with Hawaiian Electric through ongoing communications and consultations to ensure that union perspectives are included throughout the project. In addition to representing direct Hawaiian Electric employees, IBEW Local 1260 and Hawaiian Electric have a formal user agreement in place that states that contracted work normally performed by Hawaiian Electric union members must be done by IBEW Local 1260 union members, ensuring grant funds are used to promote both union jobs and union quality work.

IBEW Local 1260 and Hawaiian Electric offer joint apprenticeship programs to continue to address labor shortages and train a local workforce for a variety of jobs associated with the electrical utility infrastructure. IBEW Local 1260 plans to continue our ongoing partnership with Hawaiian Electric to make sure the project supports quality union jobs and the appropriate workforce development to ensure a labor force is ready to support the **grid resilience** necessary for the future of Hawaiʻi.

Hawaiian Electric has the experience and the necessary capabilities to successfully develop the proposed project in a manner that supports quality union jobs, workforce readiness, and meets the needs of our communities and labor force by supporting and advancing quality IBEW careers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and
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To Whom It May Concern,

The Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") understands that Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("Hawaiian Electric"), the electric utility that serves the islands of Oʻahu, Maui, Hawaiʻi, Lanai and Molokai, which accounts for service to approximately ninety-five percent of the residents in the State of Hawaiʻi ("State"), is filing an application ("Application") with the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") for federal funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, otherwise known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), for its Climate Adaptation Resilience Program ("Project").

The Commission recognizes that the IIJA Application requires the applicant, Hawaiian Electric, to commit to matching at least 50% of the Project's costs ("Matching Amount") and notes that Hawaiian Electric's ability to commit and recover from ratepayers the Matching Amount is subject to Commission approval. For the following reasons, and subject to the following considerations, the Commission generally supports Hawaiian Electric's IIJA Application.

Hawaiian Electric states that the objective of the proposed Project is to support Hawaiʻi communities by implementing measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes and other natural disasters, prevent failures that could lead to severe events (such as wildfires), and allow for faster restoration times.

Further, the Project will support various statutory mandates and/or initiatives at State and county levels. For instance, at the State level, the Project supports Hawaiʻi's Renewable Portfolio Standard which mandates that each electric utility "shall establish a renewable portfolio standard of . . . [o]ne hundred per cent of its net electricity generation by December 31, 2045."[1] The Project could accomplish this by hardening high-priority transmission restoration paths that may also have synergies with renewable energy zones (identified with the goal of developing additional transmission capacity to enable further integration of grid-scale renewable energy in Hawaiʻi).

[1]Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes § 269-92.

At the county level, the Project shows potential for alignment with the Action items identified as part of the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency's O'ahu Resilience Strategy (published in 2019). In particular, the O'ahu Resilience Strategy identifies development of a long-term recovery plan to "provide a framework for large-scale redevelopment, rezoning, and re-positioning of critical infrastructure . . . including rebuilding damaged structures/infrastructure to be more resilient, [and] targeting new investment to safer areas."

As noted above, Hawaiian Electric's ability to recover from ratepayers the Matching Amount will be subject to Commission approval. The Commission agrees to make every reasonable effort to complete its review and issue a decision on Hawaiian Electric's Regulatory Application within 90 days of receipt of notification and documentation to the Commission that the subject IIJA funding request has been approved, but that timeline is also dependent upon whether Hawaiian Electric has made substantive changes to its Project proposal (and the nature of those changes) as a result of discussions with DOE following notification of funding request approval.[2]

Additionally, subject to the aforementioned approvals, the Commission will participate in Hawaiian Electric's community outreach and engagement efforts throughout the Proposed Project, as appropriate. The Commission understands that Hawaiian Electric will seek broad participation of other stakeholders, communities, and customers to ensure that the proposed Project is developed in collaboration with, and in support of, the local community.

For the reasons stated above, the Commission supports Hawaiian Electric's IIJA Application.

Sincerely,

Leodoloff R. Asuncion, Jr., Chair
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission

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Subject: Grid Resilience Grant (Section 40101(c) – FOA Number DE-FOA-0002740

Dear Secretary Granholm,

On behalf of the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO), I support Hawaiian Electric's grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support Hawaiʻi communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events such as wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

Hawaiian Electric's proposal is synergistic with one of HSEO's functions, which is to be the primary and coordinating government agency for Emergency Support Function – 12 leading energy emergency preparation and response. HSEO is responsible for energy security and resilience initiatives while catalyzing energy independence and decarbonization across all of our Hawaiian Islands. Our duties including overseeing energy assurance planning through training and coordination with stakeholders to facilitate protection of critical energy assets, system resilience and rapid recovery from threats and hazards. As part of energy hazard mitigation and resilience efforts, we seek to identify and address vulnerabilities in the state's energy systems and supply chains that have the potential to negatively impact the energy sector and community lifelines.

HSEO supports Hawaiian Electric's proposal of grid resilience initiatives that will result in quality jobs, workforce development, and community and workforce engagement, and advancement in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) and/or Justice40 interests. We plan to partner with Hawaiian Electric in creating actionable community benefits. We will

provide assistance to shape Hawaiian Electric's public outreach and engagement efforts. HSEO's input and perspective will inform how Hawaiian Electric will seek broader engagement that is customized to the project and targeted to communities and other stakeholders.

We have a great deal of confidence in Hawaiian Electric's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution, and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. Consistent with HSEO's community engagement efforts, Hawaiian Electric works closely with communities with respect and through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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