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PUC RECEIVES THE HECO COMPANIES' ACTION PLANS TO ACHIEVE STATE ENERGY GOALS

Honolulu – On April 28, 2014 the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (“PUC” or “Commission”) ordered the Hawaiian Electric Companies (“HECO Companies”) to develop and implement major improvement action plans to aggressively pursue energy cost reductions, proactively respond to emerging renewable energy integration challenges, improve the interconnection process for customer-sited solar photovoltaic (“PV”) systems, and embrace customer demand response programs within 120 days. The filing deadline for the plans was at the close of business today. Late this afternoon the PUC received the Power Supply Improvement Plan (“PSIP”), Distributed Generation Interconnection Plan (“DGIP”), and the integrated interconnection queue proposal for the HECO Companies.

To facilitate public access to the HECO Companies action plans, the Commission has posted the documents filed today on its website at <http://puc.hawaii.gov/news-release/puc-receives-the-heco-companies-action-plans-to-achieve-state-energy-goals/>.

The HECO Companies’ filings today included the following:

- **Power Supply Improvement Plan** to expeditiously retire older fossil generation, reduce must-run generation, increase generation flexibility, adopt new technologies, such as demand response and energy storage, for ancillary services, and institute operational practice changes
- **Distributed Generation Interconnection Plan** to develop technical solutions and action plans to increase distributed generation

interconnection capability in major capacity increments

- **Integrated interconnection queue proposal** to provide transparent information on the status of all distributed generation interconnection requests

The Commission will immediately begin its evaluation of the filings to determine the extent in which the HECO Companies' action plans are consistent with the Commission's April orders and the State's energy goals.

The HECO Companies are comprised of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO"), serving the island of Oahu; Maui Electric Company, Limited ("MECO"), serving the islands of Maui, Lanai and Molokai; and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO"), serving Hawaii Island.

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For more information regarding the background of this issue, please see the PUC's April 29, 2014 press release and related documents at: <http://puc.hawaii.gov/news-release/puc-orders-action-plans-to-achieve-states-energy-goals/>

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