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Energy Equity and Justice Docket

Workplan Meeting #1

July 6th, 2023

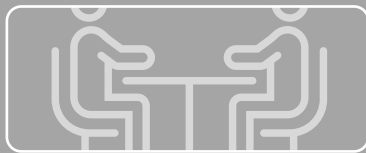**STATE OF HAWAII**
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda

Welcome, overview, and introductions
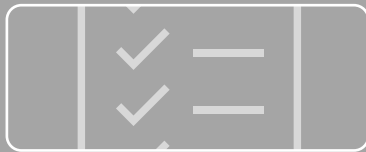
Presentation: Docket Workplan and schedule

Discussions on workplan (small groups, followed by report outs)
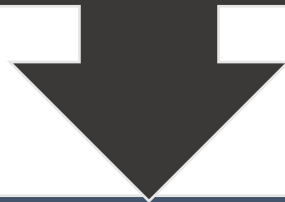
Break

Breakout sessions by Workplan tracks

Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Objectives

Provide an overview of the Commission's proposed Workplan for the docket

Solicit feedback on the Commission's proposed approach, including outcomes, outputs, stakeholder engagement plan, timeline, and other factors

Meeting Norms

- **Practice equity of time**. If you are speaking a lot, consider asking someone else for their thoughts. If you haven't spoken, try to find a way to contribute.

- **Treat others with respect.** Consider the impacts of your words and actions on others. Examine and critique systems, not people.

- **Accept others' lived experiences.** What someone says they experienced is what they experienced. No singular experience is representative of everyone's experience.

- **Come ready to learn. Question your assumptions**. Make sure you understand others' perspectives so you can contribute to the discussion.

- **Bike rack. Strive to stay on topic.** Staff will record questions and ideas outside the scope of this meeting in the "bike rack" for consideration at a later time.

Logistical Notes

- **This meeting is intended to offer a route to providing feedback on the Workplan that does not require filing written comments. Therefore:**

- **Commission staff will take notes on this meeting.** Statements in the notes will not be attributed to individuals or organizations. All notes will be filed to the docket record and captured in real time at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rYgUsx-fctdywHnXkmoEhH8hyDxnJgk8O_zK0IZ-MU4/edit?usp=sharing.

- **The plenary sessions will be recorded to ensure that staff can refer to what was said if clarity is needed.** Notes will be taken in breakout rooms, but breakout discussions will not be recorded and will offer a more anonymous way to provide feedback.

- **Messages to the Zoom chat will be captured verbatim and attributed to you.**

- **If corrections to notes are needed, participants can suggest comments in the Google Doc, file public comments, or email Commission staff.** Please email mike.s.wallerstein@hawaii.gov.

Proposed Workplan

- Opening Remarks & Acknowledgements

- Workplan is filed in 2022-0250 June 23rd

- Review in either docket (new CDMS) or on PUC Webpage – Equity Docket webpage: **https://puc.hawaii.gov/energy/equity/**

Proposed Workplan

- **As we review the Workplan, you may consider:**

  - Do the five tracks cover the right topics as a starting place for the docket?

  - Do you agree with the Commission's proposal to divide the tracks into two phases?

  - Will the potential outcomes contribute meaningfully to improved energy equity in the state? Should other outcomes be prioritized?

  - Do the high-level timelines seem feasible, reasonable, and efficient?

  - What methods or novel approaches could the Commission employ to support engagement with community members who don't usually participate in Commission proceedings?

Overview of Five Docket Workstreams

Procedural Equity

Affordability & Direct Payment Assistance
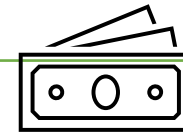
Equitable Siting & Hosting of Energy Infrastructure

Equitable Access to Clean Energy
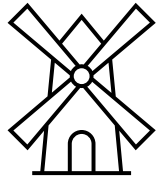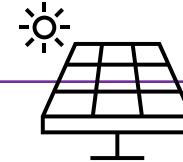
Utility Performance Tracking

Proposed Phasing

Phase I
2023-2024

- Procedural Equity
- Affordability & Direct Payment Assistance
- Equitable Siting & Hosting of Energy Infrastructure

Phase II
Anticipated to Start in 2024

- Utility Performance and Tracking
- Equitable Access to Clean Energy

Proposed Process

| Articulate Regulatory Goals and Approach | → | Solicit Feedback from Stakeholders | → | Assess Options for Reform Against Goals | → | Share Findings and Solicit Feedback from Stakeholders | → | Develop Proposal for Reform | → | Solicit Feedback on Proposal from Stakeholders | → | Establish and Implement Reform |

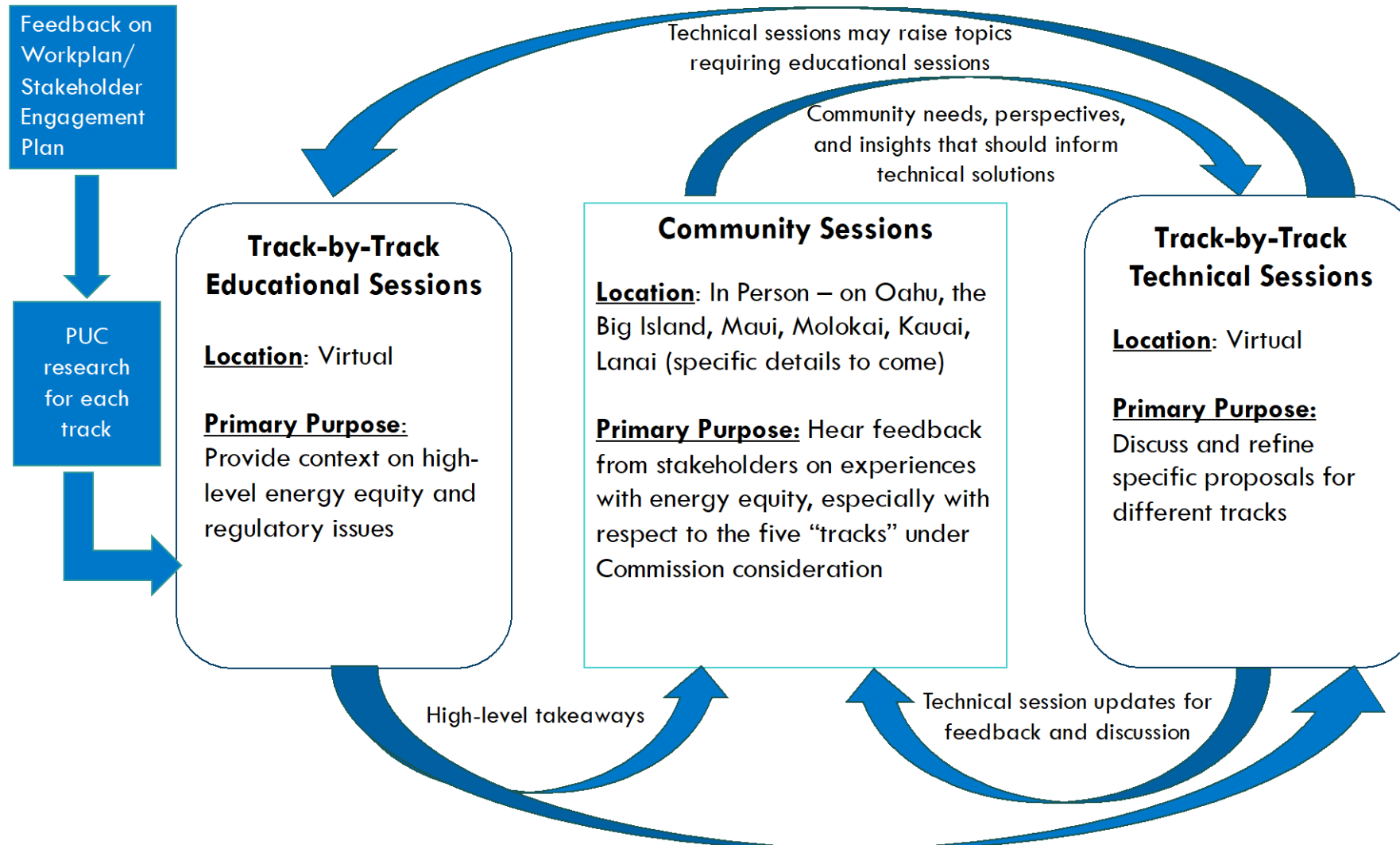# Stakeholder Engagement

- Types of stakeholder engagement:
  - **Educational sessions** will facilitate learning on relevant topics.
  - **Community sessions** will focus on listening to Community experiences, perspectives, and ideas.
  - **Technical sessions** will develop and refine final recommendations for reform.

Stakeholder Engagement

Feedback on Workplan/ Stakeholder Engagement Plan

PUC research for each track

Technical sessions may raise topics requiring educational sessions

Community needs, perspectives, and insights that should inform technical solutions

Track-by-Track Educational Sessions

Location: Virtual

Primary Purpose: Provide context on high-level energy equity and regulatory issues

Community Sessions

Location: In Person – on Oahu, the Big Island, Maui, Molokai, Kauai, Lanai (specific details to come)

Primary Purpose: Hear feedback from stakeholders on experiences with energy equity, especially with respect to the five "tracks" under Commission consideration

Track-by-Track Technical Sessions

Location: Virtual

Primary Purpose: Discuss and refine specific proposals for different tracks

High-level takeaways

Technical session updates for feedback and discussion

Procedural Equity

- **Objectives:**
  - Improve the accessibility and inclusivity of Commission proceedings
  - Identify and pilot improvements to procedural equity for broader integration across Commission proceedings
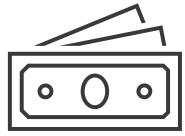- **Possible outputs:**
  - A Commission policy statement on equity (e.g. a vision and/or mission)
  - Recommendations for procedures to increase procedural equity to be scaled

Procedural Equity

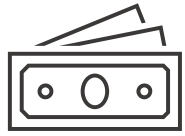| Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24
Commission Accessibility Improvements							
Assess Options for Reform							
Educational Sessions			Educational Sessions				
				Technical Sessions		Technical Sessions	
				Draft Commission Policy Statement and/or Recommendations and Open Comment Period			
					Adopt Policy Statement and/or Issue Recommendations via a Staff Report		

Affordability and Direct Payment Assistance

- **Objectives:**
  - Improve energy affordability for all customers and particularly low- and moderate-income (LMI) customers
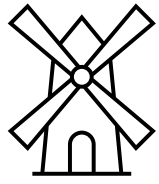
- **Possible outputs:**
  - Recommendation of a specific rate or program for LMI customers to reduce disconnections and debts
  - Exploring alternative ways to improve affordability across customer classes
  - Potential improvements to payment plans to reduce energy burden and debts

Affordability and Direct Payment Assistance

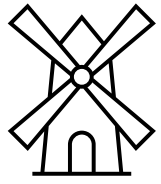| Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24
Assess Potential Options for Reform							
	Educational Sessions			Educational Sessions			
				Technical Sessions		Technical Sessions	
				Draft Staff proposal with Recommendations and Open Comment Period			
						Issue Staff Report to Implement Reform	

Equitable Siting and Hosting of Energy Infrastructure

- **Objectives:**
  - Identify ways to support equitable siting of energy infrastructure
  - Identify possible changes to siting processes that could enhance community engagement and deliver benefits to host communities
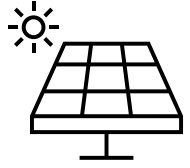- **Possible outputs:**
  - Staff report on the Commission's role and authority on siting and hosting
  - Rubric for assessing the equity implications of siting processes
  - New community engagement criteria and metrics for siting
  - New ways of delivering benefits to host communities
  - Modifications to existing community benefits agreements or additional action for existing host communities
  - Legislative recommendations

Equitable Siting and Hosting of Energy Infrastructure

Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24
Assess Potential Options for Reform							
	Issue Initial Staff Report About Commission Authority						
	Educational Sessions			Educational Sessions			
				Technical Sessions		Technical Sessions	
				Draft Staff Proposal with Recommendations and Open Comment Period			
					Issue Staff Report to Implement Reform		

Equitable Access to Clean Energy

- **Objectives:**
  - Support equitable distribution of the benefits of clean energy to all customers
- **Possible outputs:**
  - Recommendations for evaluating the equity implications of existing and proposed clean energy programs and policies
  - Recommended modifications to existing programs to improve equitable access to those programs
  - A new distributed energy resource (DER) or other pilot program focused on deployment for LMI and vulnerable customers

⏱ Utility Performance and Tracking

- **Objectives:**
  - Better align equitable outcomes with utility business models
  - Establish ways to monitor utility performance on energy equity
  - Incentivize behavior that will result in equitable outcomes
- **Possible outputs:**
  - Community-defined metrics and outcomes for measuring and tracking utility performance
  - Recommendations for designing and implementing a "LMI Assistance Fund"
  - Modified or new mechanisms to incentivize utilities to improve measures of equity
  - Identification of pilots that support energy equity

Questions?

🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Group Discussions

- Breakout groups – randomly assigned

- Return to plenary and share highlights and additional feedback

Plenary Share Out & Discussion

Breakout group share outs and Q&A

Questions/Comments that surfaced in breakouts

Questions to Consider

- Do the five tracks cover the right topics as a starting place for the docket?

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- What OTHER thoughts and ideas would you like to share, regarding the workplan, schedule, and proposed process?

BREAK

Breakout Groups

- Self-select into whichever topics most interest you

- Discuss for 15 minutes – your questions and comments will be captured with notes by team leaders, but we will not be sharing back as a group

Procedural Equity	Affordability and Direct Payment Assistance	Equitable Siting and Hosting	Equitable Access to Clean Energy	Utility Performance and Tracking
• Zoom Breakout Room ("Procedural Equity")	• Zoom Breakout Room ("Affordability")	• Zoom Breakout Room ("Siting and Hosting")	• Zoom Breakout Room ("Clean Energy Access")	• Zoom Breakout Room ("Utility Performance and Tracking")

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⏭ Next Steps

- Meeting #2 will occur on July 20, from 3 – 5 pm on Zoom

- The Commission will file notes and chats from this meeting

  - Please enter any final remarks you'd like captured into the chat now

- Subscribe to emails and find information at the [Equity Docket website](#)

- File public comments referencing Docket 2022-0250 at:

  - https://hpuc.my.site.com/cdms/s/consumers/public-comments

- **The Commission will consider all feedback and issue a final Workplan**

Public Comments

Submit a written comment to voice your support, opposition, concerns and views on open dockets

Mahalo!

Appendix Slides

- Key terminology
- Equity tenets

Key Terminology

Term	Preliminary Definition
Energy Equity	Refers to the goal of achieving equity in both the social and economic participation in the energy system, while also remediating social, economic, and health burdens on those historically harmed by the energy system.
Vulnerable Populations	Those who are economically disadvantaged, certain racial and ethnic minorities such as Native Hawaiians, the elderly, rural residents, those with inadequate education, and those with other socioeconomic challenges,
Energy Burden	Energy burden is the percent of a household's income spent to cover energy.

The Commission is aware of parallel efforts by the Energy Equity Hui to craft Hawaii-specific definitions, and will aim to adopt those once complete.

Equity Tenets

Equity Tenet	Preliminary Definition
Distributive Equity	Distributive Equity is recognized as sustainability programs and policies resulting in fair distributions of benefits and burdens across all segments of a community, prioritizing those with highest need.
Procedural Equity	Procedural Equity is the inclusive, accessible, authentic engagement and representation in processes to develop or implement sustainability programs and policies.
Recognition Justice	Recognition justice identifies who is being ignored in decision-making, and how that should be remedied so that all individuals are fairly represented and offered equal political rights.
Intergenerational Justice	Intergenerational justice relies on making decisions based on whether a decision would "increase rather than limit the development options of future generations.