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Equity Improvements for the Integrated Grid Plan ("IGP") Requests for Proposals ("RFP")

Meeting #5

Energy Equity and Justice Docket No.
2022-0250

February 21st, 2024 | 9am-11am



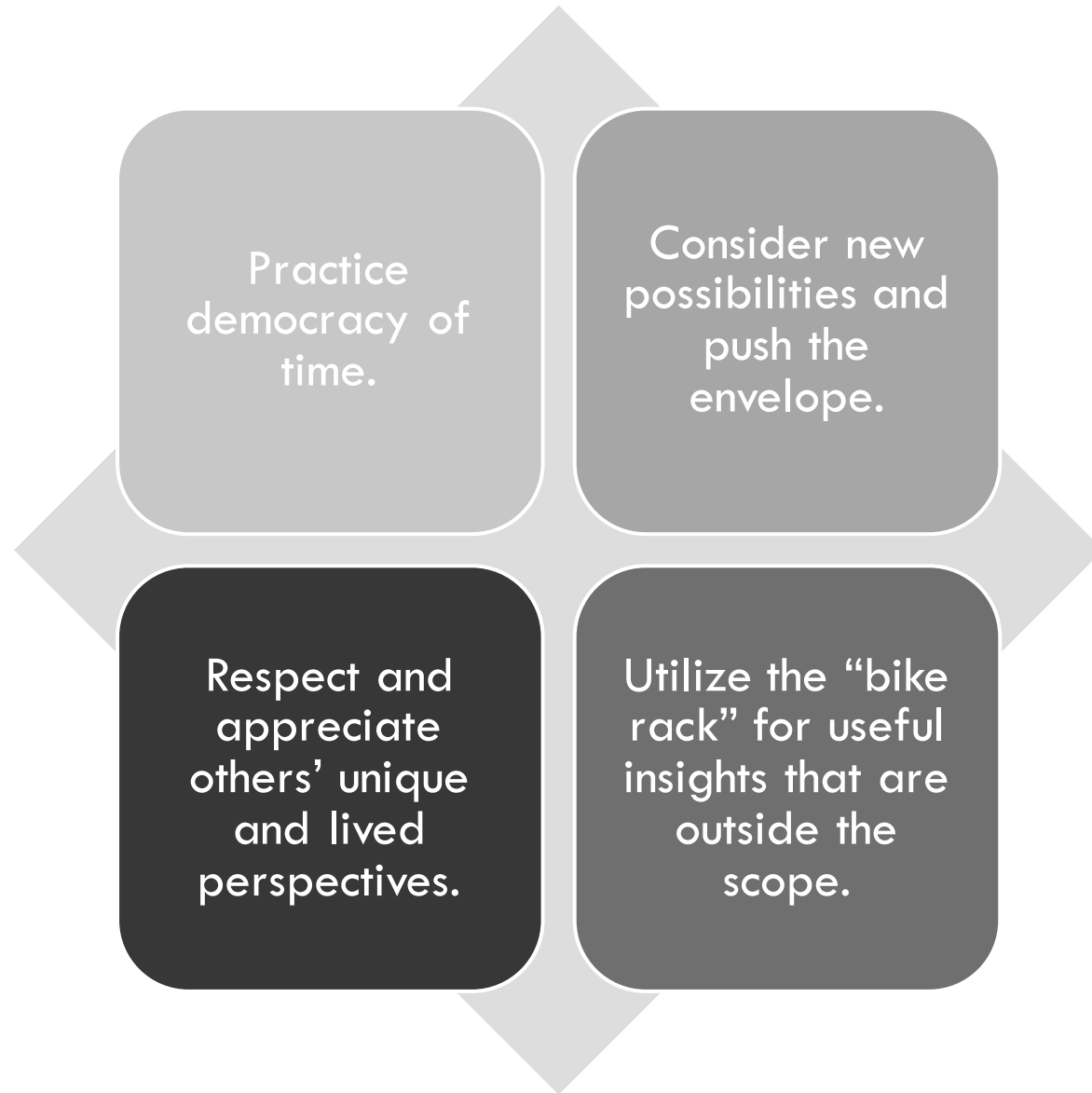
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Meeting Norms



Agenda

Presentation on Community Benefits Packages

Review of Draft Staff Report

Q&A

Discussion: Feedback on Draft Staff Report

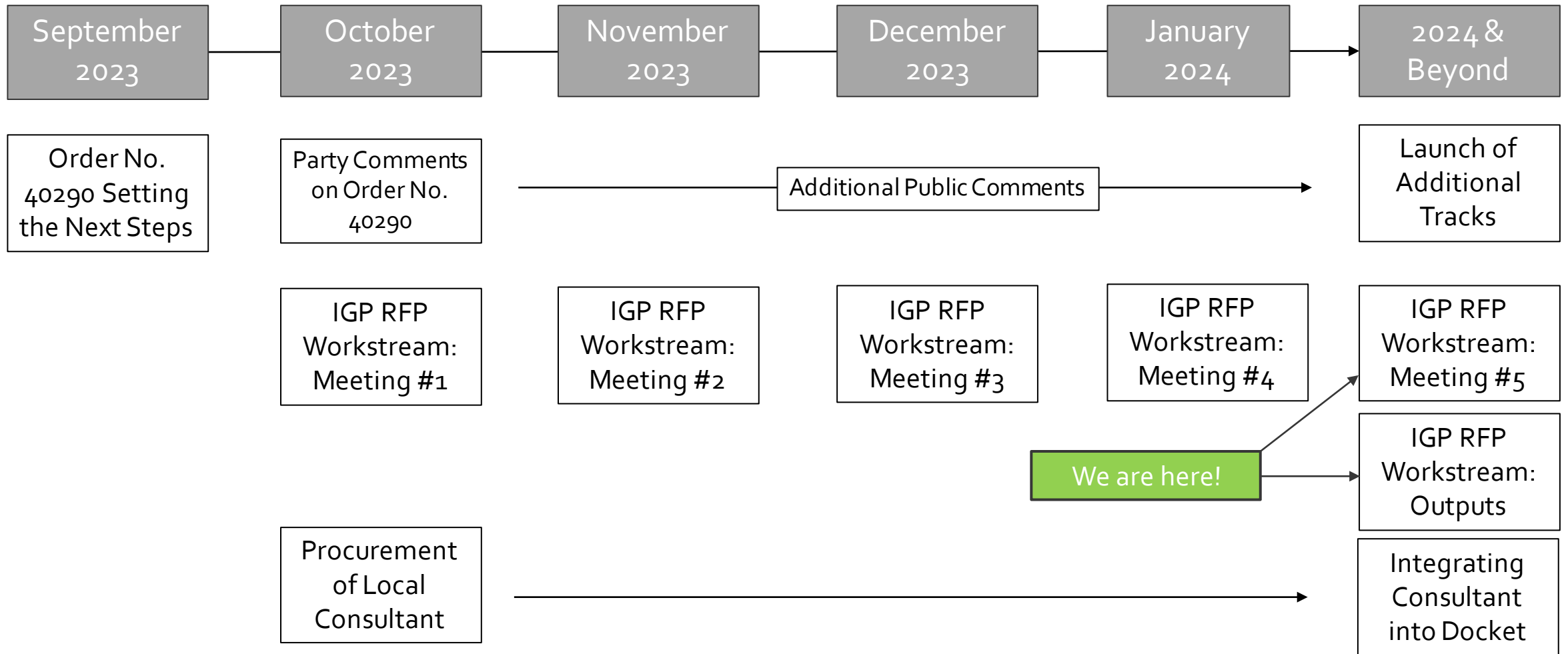
Closing and Next Steps

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Status of the Equity Docket





INTRODUCTIONS VIA CHAT

Name, Role, Organization (if
applicable)

Today's Meeting Objectives

Review options for
community
benefits packages

Discuss the
Commission's
Staff Report on
IGP RFP options

Build consensus
on equity
recommendations
for the IGP RFPs

PRESENTATION: COMMUNITY BENEFITS PACKAGES

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REVIEW: DRAFT STAFF REPORT

Commission Staff

Near-Term Improvements



Evaluation Criteria

Community
Benefits Packages

Additional
Recommendations

Evaluation Criteria

- **Change the weighting of price and non-price criteria** so that community outreach plays a larger factor.
- **Publicize threshold criteria** (such as safety and community outreach requirements) **and the scoring rubrics** for evaluation criteria.
- **Expand the scoring range** for individual non-price criteria from 1-5 to 1-10.
- **Reduce the number of non-price criteria** by converting some into threshold requirements.
- **Consider including new criteria** or updating existing criteria to reflect priorities emerging from this series of discussions, including:
 - resilience,
 - project siting,
 - local economic benefits, and
 - community co-design elements.

Community Benefits Packages

- **Allow flexibility in how community benefits are calculated** for a project, so long as the benefits meet the minimum threshold.
- **Incorporate an inflation index** for calculating the required amount for community benefits per project.
- **Explore new enforcement mechanisms** that can safeguard CBPs for communities in the case of project ownership transfer or other events that might put CBPs at risk.
- Incorporate the option for **participatory budgeting for trusted community-based organizations** negotiating on CBPs with developers on behalf of a community.
- Provide a **publicly available scoring rubric** for the community outreach criteria within the non-price criteria.

Additional Recommendations

- Create an **equitable RFP procurement advisory group** to assist the Commission in the upcoming IGP RFP docket.
- Create a **pathway for community co-creation** in the upcoming IGP RFPs by giving preference to developers who commit to piloting the concept of community co-creation.
- Enable **earlier opportunities for community involvement** in the RFP process and project development process.
- Provide **preference to developers who site projects in preferred renewable energy zones**, provided that community feedback has been obtained and is reflected in the developer's project.

Long-Term Process Changes

Community
Co-Creation
of RFPs

Community
Energy
Boards

Additional
Discussion
Areas

Long-Term Process Changes

Community Co-Creation

- Innovative idea that deserves fuller exploration while a more limited pathway is incorporated into the upcoming IGP RFPs
- **Recommendation:** Hawaiian Electric should pilot an RFP process specifically focused on upfront community co-creation, launching by the end of 2025

Community Energy Boards

- CEBs could play a valuable role in siting and development, but a clear model and guiding charter is necessary
- Several open questions and may require legislation
- **Recommendation:** continue developing concept and address in the upcoming siting and hosting track of the equity docket

Additional Long-Term Recommendations

- Determine **how to appropriately define “community” or “host community”** for negotiating community benefits and/or CEBs.
- Enable **a model for community ownership** or partial ownership of community-based projects.
- **Improve education and outreach efforts** by the utility, the Commission, and other supportive agencies and stakeholders.
- **Address the rural-urban divide** in the siting and hosting of energy projects and infrastructure.
- **Create alternative mechanisms for community benefits**, such as direct bill credits, preferential rates, or higher credits for LMI communities.
- **Develop a framework for legally-binding agreements** with communities in lieu of CBPs.

Additional Ideas to Evaluate Further

- Create a **mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of RFP revisions** and components focused on improving equitable outcomes (e.g., CBPs and community engagement methods).
- Evaluate **how to provide benefits to communities who have hosted energy projects** within or near their communities in the past.
- Develop **intervenor compensation, training initiatives, and other programs** to support community engagement at the Commission.
- Determine **whether intervention in RFP dockets moving forward is appropriate** and what procedural mechanisms require modification to align with this determination.

QUESTIONS?

**BREAKOUT
GROUPS:
FEEDBACK ON
DRAFT STAFF
REPORT**

Discussion Questions

- Do these recommendations capture the feedback and input you were expecting to see based on your participation so far?
- Are there additional short-term recommendations that could be implemented?
- Do the recommendations, as they stand, address equity in the IGP-RFP process?
- Which recommendation(s) would you like to talk about in more detail? Why?



Next Steps

Staff Report

- Filed in the docket on Feb. 15th
- Provide written feedback by Mar. 1st
- Commission staff will revise and file a Final Staff Report in March, prior to Hawaiian Electric's Draft IGP RFP (expected in April)

Equity Docket in 2024

- Procurement and integration of local consultant to support engagement and outreach
- Launch of other tracks and/or workstreams focused on specific outcomes
- Public comments are welcome at any time to our webpage:
<https://puc.hawaii.gov/energy/equity/>

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