



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Public Utilities Commission conducts public hearings on Hawai'i Gas rate increases across the state

HONOLULU – The Public Utilities Commission will conduct a series of public hearings starting October 4 regarding Hawai'i Gas' application for rate increases, revised rate schedules and rules across all its service territories throughout the state.

Hawai'i Gas seeks the commission's approval of a total revenue increase of \$24.346 million, or approximately 17.67% increase over revenues at current effective rates. Hawai'i Gas further seeks approval of a fair rate of return of 9.05% on its rate base, revisions to its rate schedules and rules and approval of two tariff riders.

According to Hawai'i Gas, its operating costs have increased since its last rate increase in 2019 due to a number of factors, including but not limited to increases in operations and maintenance and labor expenses, compliance with federal/state regulations, and capital investments in plant and equipment for fuel diversification, system reliability and safety.

By island, Hawai'i Gas' proposed revenue changes are as follows:

| ISLAND | REVENUE CHANGE | PERCENTAGE |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| O'ahu | \$24,375,527 | 19.42% |
| Hawai'i | \$ (36,067) | -0.42% |
| Maui | \$ 69,936 | 3.03% |
| Kaua'i | \$ (62,723) | -4.89% |
| Moloka'i | \$ 3,138 | 5.21% |
| Lāna'i | \$ (3,673) | -13.23% |

Residents of Kaua'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and O'ahu are invited to attend the hearing for their island service territory and provide oral comments during hearing. Hearing dates for Hawai'i Island are forthcoming.

Written comments are also encouraged and should reference Docket No. 2024-0158. Written comments may be submitted online on the commission's website, by email or mail.

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Public Hearing Schedule for Hawai'i Gas Rate Case*

*Additional dates will be announced soon for Hawai'i Island.

| Date & Time | Island | Location |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 4 5 p.m. | Kaua'i | In person Līhu'e State Office Building Conference Room 209 A, B, & C 3060 Eiwa Street, Līhu'e |
| October 14 5:30 p.m. | Moloka'i | Online (via web browser or WebEx mobile device app) Link: https://hpuc.my.webex.com/hpuc.my/j.php?MTID=md6a931d2131e548cb918950132ea91cd Meeting Number: 2558 808 5541 Meeting Password: YugHZdZP532 Telephone Dial-in Number: +1-650-479-3208 Access Code: 2558 808 5541 |
| October 15 5:30 p.m. | Lāna'i | Online (via web browser or WebEx mobile device app) Link: https://hpuc.my.webex.com/hpuc.my/j.php?MTID=mfd6c6229543da3061a38b7d3da3c93b1 Meeting Number: 2559 848 1732 Meeting Password: CBjPQqf9b39 Telephone Dial-in Number: +1-650-479-3208 Access Code: 2559 848 1732 |
| October 17 5:30 p.m. | Maui | In person Kīhei Elementary School 250 E. Lipoa St, Kīhei |
| October 25 5:30 p.m. | O'ahu | Hybrid participation In person PUC O'ahu Office 465 S. King Street, Room 103, Honolulu Online (via web browser or WebEx mobile device app) Link: https://hpuc.my.webex.com/hpuc.my/j.php?MTID=m2255b735ff7ed8a6805558617a364302 Meeting Number: 2558 610 7635 Meeting Password: 2PqUvJS7hg3 Telephone Dial-in Number: +1-650-479-3208 Access Code: 2558 610 7635 |
| To be determined | Hawai'i Island - Kona | To be determined |
| To be determined | Hawai'i Island - Hilo | To be determined |

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