

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)  
THE STATE OF HAWAII )  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, )  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, )  
AND TOURISM )  
For an Order Approving the Green )  
Infrastructure Loan Program )  
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SUSPENDING PROGRAM NOTIFICATION NO. 10

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SUSPENDING PROGRAM NOTIFICATION NO. 10

By this Order, the commission suspends Program Notification No. 10 filed by the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority ("HGIA") on November 28, 2016,<sup>1</sup> pending an informal conference to address the comments and concerns filed by the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate"), on December 9, 2016.<sup>2</sup> The timing of the informal conference will be provided to all docket parties in a forthcoming order.

Through PN10, HGIA proposes to expand the Eligible Participants allowed under the GEMS Commercial Photovoltaic ("PV")

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<sup>1</sup>"Program Notification No. 10 for the Green Infrastructure Loan Program; Attachment A; and Certificate of Service," filed on November 28, 2016 ("PN10").

<sup>2</sup>Letter from Dean Nishina (Consumer Advocate) to commission, filed on December 9, 2016 ("CA Concerns").

Loan Product: Project Sponsor, to include consumer leases or power purchase agreements, which are pooled together in a single investment by a third party investor, referred to as "Securitized Consumer Leases or Power Purchase Agreements."<sup>3</sup>

In its letter to the commission, the Consumer Advocate contends, among other things, that prior to approving the use of GEMS funds for a third party investor, "it must be abundantly clear that the use of GEMS financing to invest in Securitized Consumer Leases/PPAs is prudent and cost-effective, and results in clear benefits to consumers."<sup>4</sup> The Consumer Advocate also contends that the comparative savings analysis provided by HGIA is insufficient, and that a comparison of customer bills between (1) PV under a GEMS financed lease/PPA, and (2) PV under a market-based lease/PPA, would isolate the benefits of the use of GEMS financing and would be more informative.<sup>5</sup>

Accordingly, the commission will issue a forthcoming order setting an informal conference to allow HGIA to respond to the Consumer Advocate's comments and concerns.

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<sup>3</sup>See PN10 at 4.

<sup>4</sup>CA Concerns at 5.

<sup>5</sup>See CA Concerns at 5-7; and PN10 at 6-8 (comparing the costs for a 1,200 kWh/month customer utilizing (1) no PV, and (2) PV under a twenty-year, \$0.15 per kWh, PV system lease/PPA).

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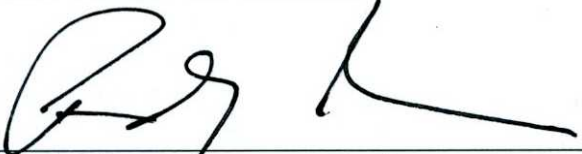
THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. PN10 is suspended pending an informal conference to address the comments and concerns filed by the Consumer Advocate on December 9, 2016.

2. An order setting the date, time, and location of the informal conference will be forthcoming.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii DEC 16 2016.


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