

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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By this Order, the Commission sets the Public Benefits Fee ("PBF") surcharge for Program Year 2020 at 2.0% of the projected total electric revenues of the HECO Companies,<sup>1</sup> plus revenue taxes.<sup>2</sup> However, the PBF surcharge (1) shall be reduced by the Companies' estimated collection of the Green Infrastructure Fees on behalf of

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<sup>1</sup>HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC., HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC., and MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, are collectively referred to as the "HECO Companies." The Parties to this docket are: the HECO Companies, the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, HAIKU DESIGN & ANALYSIS, HAWAII SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION, HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE, HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC., and ENERGY INDUSTRIES, LLC.

<sup>2</sup>See Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-121 (authorizing the Commission to establish a public benefits fee).

the State of Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority,<sup>3</sup> and (2) shall include any reconciliation amount between the target surcharge revenue and the amount actually collected for the period of April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The 2020 Program Year PBF Surcharge shall be set as follows:

- A. The 2020 Program Year PBF surcharge will collect revenue through a per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") surcharge.
- B. The PBF surcharge will consist of separate residential and commercial/industrial components that will collect the target revenue equal to 2.0% of the projected total electric revenue, plus revenue taxes.
- C. The PBF surcharge shall be reduced by the Companies' estimated collection of the Green Infrastructure Fees on behalf of the State of Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority to establish a "GIF-revised target PBF surcharge revenue."
- D. The 2020 target surcharge revenue and the amount of PBF surcharge collected for both residential and commercial/industrial shall include any reconciliation amounts for the period of April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020.

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<sup>3</sup>Pursuant to Decision and Order No. 32281, Ordering Paragraph 122, filed on September 4, 2014, in Docket No. 2014-0134, the Commission approved an adjustment mechanism allowing the Green Infrastructure Fee to be applied to reduce the PBF to limit the overall impact of Green Infrastructure Fee assessments on ratepayers.

- E. The split between the residential and commercial/industrial surcharge components is 45% residential and 55% commercial/ industrial.
- F. The PBF surcharge will be assessed to all the HECO Companies' service territories, such that customers served under a given rate schedule (e.g., Schedule R) will pay the same cents per kWh surcharge, regardless of the service territory, as the PBF programs are intended to benefit and be available to all such service territories.
- G. The cents per kWh surcharge should be calculated by reducing the target residential and commercial/industrial PBF surcharge revenues by the estimated collection of the Green Infrastructure Fees on behalf of the State of Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, and then dividing by the projected residential and commercial/industrial sales collectively for the HECO Companies.
- H. As with the 2019 Program Year PBF Surcharge, the 2020 Program Year PBF Surcharge should be included on customers' bills as a separate line item titled "PBF Surcharge" and the revenue will be collected by the HECO Companies beginning on July 1, 2020.
- I. As with the 2019 Program Year PBF Surcharge, the HECO Companies will transfer the collected PBF surcharge revenues, less the revenue tax liabilities, to the Commission's fiscal agent on a monthly basis.
- J. The amount actually collected through the PBF surcharge will be compared to the GIF-revised target PBF surcharge revenue. The difference would be applied as a credit or debit to the following year's target PBF surcharge revenue. This reconciliation will be performed separately for residential and commercial/industrial PBF surcharge revenue.

K. The PBF surcharge may be modified at the Commission's discretion.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii JUNE 24, 2020.

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