June 9, 2022

The Honorable Chair and Members
of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building, 1st Floor
465 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Dear Commissioners:

Community Outreach Efforts

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph 5 of Order No. 38351, issued by the Commission on May 6, 2022 in the subject proceeding, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (“Hawaiian Electric” or the “Company”) has collaborated with AES West O’ahu Solar, LLC (“AES” or “Seller”), to significantly improve community outreach for Seller’s Solar + Storage project.

As a starting point for this effort, the Company and Seller considered the Community representative and Community outreach plan sections in Order No. 38217. Hawaiian Electric and AES understand that Community Outreach is a critical component of responsible Project development and are committed to continued Community Outreach.

AES has added its community representative’s contact information, including name, phone number, and email on the Project website to be responsive to community requests for more information regarding the Project. The Project website will serve as the primary source for relevant information where construction schedules and activities, the resulting impacts, and mitigation plans will be posted at least one month prior to the start of scheduled work. The website will also indicate the status of various governmental permits applied for and/or obtained by the Seller to date.

Seller commits to sharing monthly status updates through email communication to the Project mailing list (which includes over 2,200 interested parties, community organizations, Neighborhood Board members, elected officials, and area leadership), social media (Facebook), and during community meeting presentations (written, virtual, or in-person) throughout the construction and development of the project. The Company will support Seller in community meetings and presentations to address questions about the energy system, interconnection, renewable energy development process and all other Company-specific inquiries.
Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin M. Katsura

Kevin M. Katsura
Director
Regulatory Non-Rate Proceedings
EXHIBIT 8

Community Outreach Summary and Initial Public Comments
January 20, 2019

Background

AES Distributed Energy was recently selected by The Hawaiian Electric Companies (HECO) to develop a solar-plus-storage project on Oahu on the leeward portion of the island near Makakilo.

As an initial step in the process, HECO has directed AES Distributed Energy to conduct a community meeting to describe the proposed project in further detail and gather community input. AES Distributed Energy retained the services of Peters Communications to assist with this initiative.

This report is a preliminary summary of the outreach activities conducted to date along with the community’s feedback and questions received thus far. A community meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Kapolei High School.

Community Outreach

Prior to the scheduled community meeting, the AES project team conducted a strategic outreach effort to engage and inform key elected officials and community leaders.

- Council Member Kymberly Pine – CM Pine was reached early in the process to discuss project details and to introduce principals of AES Distributed Energy. Her preliminary comments cited visual impacts as the probable primary source of concern from community members. She also asserted that the community is growing increasingly concerned that the process for renewable energy projects is being rushed without meaningful opportunities for the community to consider and comment. Her suggestions:
  - Proactively offer solutions/mitigation measures for visual impacts including landscaping. She also suggested that AES consider using native plants and potentially partner with the Malama Learning Center. She urged AES to show visualizations of the project with landscaping to indicate to the community that AES is mindful of their concerns.
  - CM Pine recommended that AES respectfully inform the community that there will be ample opportunity to participate in the approval process for the project. She also recommended AES explain that the project is not approved until it goes through the land use and entitlement process which will be months down the road.
• **Rep. Ty Cullen** – Preliminary outreach was conducted with Rep. Cullen’s office on Monday, February 11, 2019 to provide a project factsheet along with the community meeting notice. A follow up meeting with Rep. Cullen has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

• **Rep. Sharon Har** – Preliminary outreach was conducted with Rep. Har’s office on Monday, February 11, 2019 to provide a project factsheet along with the community meeting notice. A follow up meeting with Rep. Har has been scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2019.

• **Sen. Mike Gabbard** – Preliminary outreach was conducted with Sen. Gabbard’s office on Monday, February 11, 2019 to provide a project factsheet along with the community meeting notice. A follow up meeting with Sen. Gabbard has been scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2019.

• **Maeda Timson** – AES project consultant Shane Peters conducted early outreach with well-known community leader Maeda Timson (former neighborhood board chair and member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority Kalaeloa board). Based on project information she was provided, Ms. Timson thought AES was being thorough and careful with its initial community outreach efforts and meeting. She did not think the project would be as controversial as other renewable energy projects being proposed in West Oahu given its location and the partnership with landowner University of Hawaii.

• **Dr. Kioni Dudley** – Preliminary outreach was conducted with Dr. Dudley, former neighborhood board chair and community activist. The project team is awaiting a response to a request for a follow up in-person meeting to discuss the project in further detail.

• **Jack Legal** – Preliminary outreach was conducted with Mr. Legal, current neighborhood board chair. The project team is awaiting a response to a request for a follow up in-person meeting to discuss the project in further detail.

**Community Meeting Notification**

In addition to strategic community outreach, the AES project team issued a community meeting notice via first class mail through the US Postal Service to approximately 2,264 addresses in east Makakilo. See ‘Appendix A’ for a copy of the meeting notice. See ‘Appendix B’ for a map of the area targeted for direct mail.

**Community Meeting Details**

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019
- **Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Kapolei High School Cafeteria
  91-5007 Kapolei Parkway
  Kapolei, HI 96707
- **Presenters:**
  - Rob Cooper – Business Development Director, AES
  - Sam Ley – Senior Energy Systems Engineer, AES
Email Comments

AES has also established a dedicated email address to capture additional comments and feedback from the community. AESWestOahuSolar@aes.com has been shared with members of the community, area leaders and elected officials to raise awareness of the continuing opportunity for the community to weigh in on the project. The email address has been active from February 12 and will remain active until March 28, 2019 (30 days after the public meeting).

Conclusion

The AES project team recognizes we are still in the preliminary phase and that there remain significant outreach activities that must be undertaken as we proceed. If the project receives preliminary approval from the Public Utilities Commission, AES has indicated a strong commitment to continuing outreach efforts to address potential concerns and raise awareness about the benefits of the project.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this preliminary summary and report, please don’t hesitate to contact Shane Peters at shane@peters-comm.com or (808) 421-9879.
AES Distributed Energy, Inc.
West Oahu Solar-Plus-Storage Project
Invitation to Community Meeting – Feb 26th

Purpose:
The AES Distributed Energy, Inc. (AES) team would like to invite you to a community meeting for a proposed solar + energy storage project in the West Oahu region. The project is in its initial stages and AES hopes to share information, solicit feedback and questions, and engage the community.

Community Meeting Location & Time:
DATE: Tuesday, February 26
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Kapolei High School - Cafeteria
91-5007 Kapolei Parkway
Kapolei, HI 96707

About AES:
AES Distributed Energy was recently selected by the Hawaiian Electric Companies for three of its eight solar-plus-storage projects in Hawai‘i, representing the largest addition of renewable energy in the state’s history. One of AES Distributed Energy’s projects is on the island of Oahu with Hawaiian Electric Company and the other two projects are on Hawai‘i Island and Maui.

AES Distributed Energy is a wholly owned subsidiary of The AES Corporation (NYSE: AES). With a presence in Hawai‘i for more than 25 years, AES shares the state’s commitment to a greener energy future and is helping the state realize its goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2045.

Project Location:
The proposed AES West Oahu project is located on a portion of land owned by the University of Hawaii located mauka of the University of Hawaii West Oahu campus and the H-1 freeway near Kualakai Parkway.

AES West Oahu Project Details:
- 12.5 MW of solar PV plus 50 MWh battery energy storage system
- Enough energy to offset ~2,335 homes electricity use per year

Questions/Comments:
AES welcomes questions and comments by email at AESWestOahuSolar@aes.com.

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Project Location Map:
APPENDIX B
The foregoing document was electronically filed with the State of Hawaii Public Utilities Commission's Document Management System (DMS).