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To: Service List for Docket No. 2022-0250, via the Commission's electronic Document Management System

Re: **Notice of Opening Meetings on March 1, 2023 and March 8, 2023 - Docket No. 2022-0250**, Energy Equity

The Commission opened Docket No. 2022-0250 ("proceeding") to investigate how to better integrate energy equity and justice considerations across Commission work given its role overseeing and regulating the functions of public utilities.

Energy equity refers to the goal of achieving equity in both the social and economic participation in the energy system, while also remediating social, economic, and health burdens on those historically harmed by the energy system. The Commission strives not only to address energy equity generally, but to ensure that existing energy inequity is alleviated, and not exacerbated, during the State's renewable energy transition.

The Commission is starting this work with two introductory Conference sessions, which will help guide the Commission's planning work on the proceeding. The first session is intended as a community conversation and is an opportunity for those less familiar with the Commission to learn more about the agency's role and ways to get involved with the proceeding. No previous experience with the Commission is needed to attend this meeting. Commission staff will present on the role of the Commission, provide background on energy equity, and create space to hear from participants and learn more about what energy equity means to them. This meeting will take place in a hybrid format in the early evening and will be followed by an optional in-person gathering to engage in casual conversation with Commission staff.

During the second meeting of the opening conference, Commission staff will dive deeper into the details of the energy equity proceeding. There will be a presentation on four proposed pathways for addressing energy equity in Hawaii, an overview of the Commission's approach to the proceeding and a facilitated discussion to solicit feedback from participants. This meeting will be useful for participants who would like to get involved with this work and provides an opportunity to give direct feedback on the Commission's approach to the proceeding. This meeting will also be held in a hybrid format and will be followed by an optional in-person gathering to engage in casual conversation with Commission staff. Participants are welcome to attend both meetings, but attendees who may be more familiar with the Commission and its functions and

choose not to attend the first meeting will have an opportunity to review outcomes from the first meeting and provide similar inputs at the second meeting.

For up-to-date information on the proceeding please check the Commission's website: <https://puc.hawaii.gov/energy/equity/>

All interested participants may join either meeting in person at the Commission's hearing room, 465 South King Street, Room 103, Honolulu, HI 96816 or remotely here:

Meeting One Wednesday, March 1, 2023 5:30-7:30 PM

Zoom: <https://rmi-org.zoom.us/j/99298790686>

Meeting ID: 992 9879 0686

Join by Phone (toll-free): 833 928 4609

Meeting Two, Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM-noon

Zoom: <https://rmi-org.zoom.us/j/97407146251>

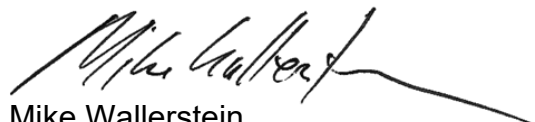
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The technical conference will be chaired and facilitated by Commission consultants from the Rocky Mountain Institute. The agenda is attached.

Questions regarding these conferences should be directed to Mike Wallerstein at mike.s.wallerstein@hawaii.gov, Jack Relf at jack.w.relf@hawaii.gov, or the Public Utilities Commission at 808-586-2020.

Sincerely,



Mike Wallerstein
Commission Counsel

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Enclosures

Docket No. 2022-0250
Opening Meeting Part 1 Energy Equity in Hawaii: A Community Discussion
March 1, 2023 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Meeting Objectives

- Introduce the staff of the Commission who will be working on this proceeding
- Describe the role of the Commission and basics of the regulatory process to foster a shared understanding among participants
- Solicit community feedback about energy equity considerations for input into Commission work

Meeting link: <https://rmi-org.zoom.us/j/99298790686>

Meeting ID: 992 9879 0686

Join by Phone (toll-free): 833 928 4609

Agenda

Welcome, Introductions and Objectives

- Opening remarks, staff and participant introductions, and overview of meeting objectives and agenda

PUC 101 and Context for Energy Equity in Hawaii

- Commission staff will provide an overview of how the Commission functions, the Opening Order and the initial four areas of energy equity work the Commission has identified
- Q&A

Break (6:30 PM)

Community Discussion

- An interactive discussion with Commission staff to better understand participants' background and interest in energy equity and identify how to engage those most impacted by energy equity challenges

Wrap Up and Review Upcoming Meetings and Resources

- Commission staff will provide a preview of the next opening conference meeting and give an overview of useful background materials, including the docket website

(Optional) In Person Talk Story

An opportunity after the meeting to engage in casual conversation with Commission staff

Docket No. 2022-0250
Opening Meeting Part 2 Soliciting Feedback on the Energy Equity Proceeding
March 8, 2023, 10:00 AM to noon

Meeting Objectives

- Provide an overview of the Commission's proposed approach to the energy equity proceeding, including proposed topics, outreach plans and other informational resources
- Solicit feedback on the Commission's planned approach and identify ways that interested participants can get involved

Meeting link: <https://rmi-org.zoom.us/j/97407146251>

Meeting ID: 974 0714 6251

Join by Phone (toll-free): 833 928 4609

Agenda:

Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Overview

- Opening remarks, staff and participant introductions, review of first opening conference meeting, and overview of this meeting's objectives and agenda

Commission overview of proposed approach to energy equity proceeding

- Commission staff presentation on background and framework for energy equity in Hawaii and four proposed energy equity pathways:
 - energy affordability and direct payment assistance
 - equitable access to clean energy
 - utility business model reforms
 - procedural equity improvements
- Q&A

Break (10:50 AM)

Facilitated Discussion

- Discussion focused on providing feedback to the Commission on the proposed approaches to energy equity in Hawaii

Wrap Up and Review Next Steps

- Closing remarks, reminders about how interested parties can get involved, and next steps for engagement

(Optional) In Person Talk Story

- An opportunity after the meeting to engage in casual conversation with Commission staff

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