

Ho'olaulima O Palolo

Public Utilities Commission
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Re: **Hawaiian Electric Company's Proposed East Oahu Transmission Project (EOTP) - 46kV Line**

Dear Public Utilities Commission:

I am writing on behalf of Ho'olaulima O Palolo to urge the Public Utilities Commission to reject Hawaiian Electric Company's proposed Kamoku-Pukele 138,000 volt transmission line. Ho'olaulima O Palolo opposes the Kamoku-Pukele line on the grounds that HECO has never established the need for the project. In light of new energy generation and transmission technologies, Ho'olaulima O Palolo is convinced that there is no need for the Kamoku-Pukele line.

The Consumer Advocate appears to be analyzing whether the Palolo underground route is the best option. The Palolo route is part of the Kamoku-Pukele EIS which is an exhibit in the EOTP docket. Ho'olaulima O Palolo does not want the line in Palolo Valley. We ask that you please answer the following questions:

- Is the underground route through Palolo Valley still under consideration?
- Has HECO evaluated any other technology or routes for Palolo?
- Can the Pukele Substation be expanded, and if so, by how much? Will HECO have to do another EIS if the Palolo Underground route is chosen?
- Is the Palolo alignment as denoted in the EOTP Exhibit 4, a reasonable alternative?
- Has HECO done additional EMF readings at Pukele? What were the results?
- Has there been any cultural impact analysis in the vicinity of the Pukele Substation?
- Are there historical agricultural terraces along the Palolo alignments?
- Are there any historic heiau along the Palolo alignments?
- Has the Carlos Long Neighborhood been analyzed for historical and/or burial sites?
- What questions did the Consumer Advocate ask regarding the Palolo route? What answers did you give to the Consumer Advocate?
- Who did you consult with about cultural impacts in Palolo Valley?

In considering HECO's Draft Environmental Assessment, the Public Utilities Commission must balance the costs and benefits of the project to determine whether approving or denying the Environmental Assessment will best serve the public interest. Please consider the interest of the people of Palolo Valley and not allow any additional electric lines through the valley.

Thank you very much for your consideration of Ho'olaulima O Palolo's views. Please feel free to contact me at 737-5657 if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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Ho'olaulima O Palolo

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