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TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members  
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FROM: Endangered Species Recovery Committee (ESRC)

Loyal Meyerhoff, Director, USGS - Biological Resources Division, UH  
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Paula Hartzell, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DLNR Representative)

SUBJECT: ESRC recommendation for approval of the "Kahuku Wind Project Draft Habitat Conservation Plan" for public review.

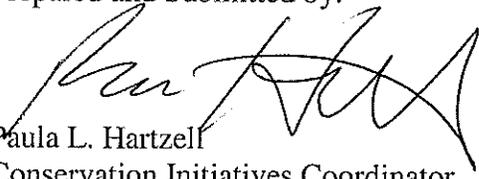
The ESRC has been requested to make recommendations regarding the approval of the "Kahuku Wind Power Draft Habitat Conservation Plan," Island of O'ahu, Hawai'i.

The purpose of this draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is to mitigate for potential injury and death to eight listed threatened and endangered species: ae'o (Hawaiian stilt), 'alae ke'oke'o (Hawaiian coot), koloa maoli (Hawaiian duck), 'alae 'ula (Hawaiian moorhen), a'o (Newell's shearwater), ua'u (Hawaiian petrel), 'ōpe'ape'a (Hawaiian hoary bat), and the pueo (Hawaiian owl) on O'ahu, caused by project construction and operation. The draft HCP outlines provisions for net benefit to the species and environment, and contributes to the recovery of each of these species.

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The ESRC has reviewed the draft "Kahuku Wind Power Draft Habitat Conservation Plan" during its meeting on July 16, 2009. The ESRC has no objections to the substance of the HCP and agree that the HCP will provide a net conservation benefit to the covered species.

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