COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

August 24, 2004

Committee
Report No.   04-130

Honorable Chair and Members
 of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Energy and Economic Development Committee, having met on August 2, 2004, makes reference to the following:

1.   County Communication No. 03-284, from the Director of Finance, transmitting a report entitled "Maui Solar Roofs Initiative July 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003";

2.   County Communication No. 04-62, from the Director of Finance, transmitting a report entitled "Maui Solar Roofs Initiative (October 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003)"; and

3.   County Communication No. 04-117, from the Director of Finance, transmitting a report entitled "Maui Solar Roofs Initiative (January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004)".

Your Committee notes that, through the Maui Solar Roofs Initiative, Maui Electric Company, Ltd. (MECo) and the County have teamed to offer the State's first interest-free revolving loans for the installation of solar water heating. MECo administers County funds intended to ease the upfront costs of purchasing an energy-saving solar water heater.

By correspondence dated July 26, 2004, the Chair of your Committee transmitted a copy of correspondence dated July 23, 2004, from Spencer Eldred, Customer Efficiency Program Manager, MECo, to the Director of Finance, attaching a report entitled "Maui Solar Roofs Initiative (April 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004)".

By correspondence dated August 2, 2004, the Chair of your Committee transmitted paper copies of MECo's computer-generated slideshow, entitled "Maui Solar Roofs Initiative Program Update - August 2, 2004".

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At its meeting, your Committee met with the Acting Director of Finance; the Economic Development Coordinator, Office of the Mayor; the Energy Coordinator, Department of Management; Joanne Ide, Supervisor of Integrated Resource Planning and Customer Efficiency Programs, MECo; and Spencer Eldred, Customer Efficiency Program Manager, MECo.

MECo representatives presented a computer-generated slideshow, entitled "Maui Solar Roofs Initiative Program Update - August 2, 2004". The presentation provided the following information regarding the program:

- Through June 2004, 164 loans have been approved, and 144 systems have been installed.

- The Council appropriated $250,000 to the program for Fiscal Year 2003 and $100,000 for Fiscal Year 2004, all of which has been committed. The Council also appropriated $100,000 for Fiscal Year 2005.

- MECo is promoting the program on its website <http://www.mauielectric.com/>, in bill inserts, and in newspaper, magazine, and radio advertisements.

- MECo joined the Million Solar Roofs Initiative <http://millionsolarroofs.org> in 2001 and committed to install 6,300 solar water systems by 2010. The Million Solar Roofs Initiative is a United States Department of Energy (DOE) program to facilitate the installation of solar energy systems on 1 million buildings by 2010. MECo installed a record 1049 systems in 2003 and recently received a "Best Progress Award" for the Western Region from the DOE.

Your Committee commended MECo for the program's success thus far.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communications.

Your Energy and Economic Development Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1.	That County Communication No. 03-284 be FILED;

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2.   That County Communication No. 04-62 be FILED; and

3.   That County Communication No. 04-117 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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