

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

October 18, 2013

**Committee**  
**Report No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chair and Members:

Your Planning Committee, having met on October 2, 2013, makes reference to General Communication 13-1, from Sharon M. Suzuki, President, Maui Electric Company, Ltd. ("MECO"), transmitting an annual status report entitled "THIRTEENTH ANNUAL STATUS REPORT DEVELOPING THE POWER GENERATING NEEDS FOR THE ISLAND OF MAUI (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)", in accordance with Condition 6 of Ordinance 2879 (2000).

Your Committee notes Ordinance 2879 (2000) granted MECO a Change in Zoning from Agricultural District to M-2 Heavy Industrial District (Conditional Zoning), for the Waena Power Generating Station, located at Pulehu Nui, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, on approximately 65.7 acres identified as TMKs: (2) 3-8-003:023 (Lot A-1) and (2) 3-8-003:024 (Lot A-2).

Your Committee further notes the Council imposed 12 conditions on the project to mitigate potential negative impacts resulting from the Change in Zoning. Condition 6 requires MECO to submit an annual status report to the Department of Planning, Maui Planning Commission, Maui County Council, and Mayor, regarding MECO's development of the power-generating capacity needed for the Island of Maui, including the Waena Power Generating Station, Maalaea Power Plant, and Kahului Power Plant. Condition 6 also requires MECO to provide an update on the feasibility of alternative energy sources and ongoing conservation measures by submitting copies of the Integrated Resource Plan after it has been accepted by the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission").

Ms. Suzuki informed your Committee that on January 21, 2011, MECO submitted a request to the Commission to open a new docket for purposes of receiving filings, reviewing approval requests, and resolving disputes, including a request for proposal to obtain up to 50 megawatts of renewable firm capacity generation resources on the Island of Maui. The Commission opened Docket 2011-0038. On July 11, 2013, the Commission ordered Docket 2011-0038 closed, stating the request for proposal was premature.

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According to Ms. Suzuki, MECO has been able to defer the addition of firm generation on Maui because it has incorporated various renewable energy sources and many customers have invested in photovoltaic installation.

Ms. Suzuki further informed your Committee that unless a need for firm generation is demonstrated, MECO does not plan to build a generating station at the Waena property.

John Mauri, Power Supply Manager at MECO, informed your Committee the Kahului Power Plant will be retired by 2019. Kahului Units 1 and 2 will be deactivated in 2014.

Mathew McNeff, Renewable Energy Services Manager at MECO, informed your Committee there are several alternate energy sources supplying electric power to MECO.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Couch, Vice-Chair Victorino, and members Baisa, Cochran, Crivello, and Guzman voted "aye". Committee member White was excused.

Your Planning Committee RECOMMENDS that General Communication 13-1 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

  
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DONALD G. COUCH, JR., Chair