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Hawaiian Electric Employee Letter PUC Filing

Aloha,

Today, Hawaiian Electric and NextEra Energy filed a joint application with the Hawai i Public Utilities Commission requesting approval of the proposed merger involving our companies. The filing of the application is a significant milestone and begins an important review process by the PUC. A copy of the press release is attached, and you can click [here](#) to view a PDF of the full application.

In the filing, we reiterate that joining with NextEra Energy gives us a unique opportunity to accelerate our clean energy transformation. The filing also details NextEra Energy s commitment to you and to our customers and communities a commitment to enhancing service reliability, continuing community and charitable support, continuing to locally manage Hawaiian Electric s utilities from existing operating locations, and delivering savings and value for customers.

Important highlights of the application include a commitment to not seek a general base rate increase for at least four years after the transaction closes and approximately \$60 million in quantified customer savings, both subject to approval of certain conditions. Also, as previously announced, there will be no involuntary reductions to our workforce for at least two years after the closing of the transaction. All union labor agreements will be honored as well.

In addition to filing for approval by the PUC, HEI today filed for merger approval with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The filing of the PUC and FERC applications are just two steps in the process of bringing together two industry leaders in clean and renewable energy. We ll continue to work diligently to obtain the required regulatory approvals and shareholder vote to complete the merger.

This journey continues, and I m personally proud to see you all staying focused and working hard as we continue implementing our transformation plans. At the same time, I know you ll continue to have questions, and I encourage you to share those with us.

Mahalo for your continued commitment to our customers, our community, and each other.

Alan

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final and will be amended. NEE and HEI also plan to file other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. This document is not a substitute for any prospectus, proxy statement or any other document which HEI may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF HEI ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. You may obtain copies of all documents filed with the SEC regarding this transaction, free of charge, at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). You may also obtain these documents, free of charge, from HEI's website (www.hei.com) under the tab "Investor Relations" and then under the heading "SEC Filings." Additional information about the proposed transaction is available at www.forhawaiiisfuture.com.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE MERGER SOLICITATION

NEE, HEI, and certain of their respective directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from HEI shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of HEI shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction is set forth in the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus that has been filed with the SEC. You can find information about NEE's executive officers and directors in its definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 4, 2014. You can find information about HEI's executive officers and directors in its definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 25, 2014 and in its Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 21, 2014. Additional information about NEE's executive officers and directors and HEI's executive officers and directors can be found in the above-referenced Registration Statement on Form S-4. You can obtain free copies of these documents from HEI using the contact information above.

NEE-HEI Updated Customer FAQs

1. What did NextEra Energy and Hawaiian Electric file?

- NextEra Energy and Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawai'i Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company (collectively referred to as Hawaiian Electric), subsidiaries of Hawaiian Electric Industries, filed an application with the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission (PUC) requesting approval of the proposed merger involving Hawaiian Electric and NextEra Energy.
- In addition, HEI today filed for merger approval with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

2. Why did NextEra Energy and Hawaiian Electric make these filings?

- Among other approvals, NextEra Energy and HEI need the approvals of the Hawai'i PUC and FERC to complete the proposed merger.
- The filing of these applications begins the important review process of the Hawai'i PUC and FERC of the proposed merger that NextEra Energy and Hawaiian Electric believe will ultimately result in a more affordable clean energy future for Hawai'i.
- NextEra Energy and Hawaiian Electric welcome the opportunity to engage directly with the Hawai'i PUC, FERC and the communities that Hawaiian Electric serves.

3. Is there any new information in the Hawai'i PUC application?

- Yes, as the Hawai'i PUC filing outlines, joining with NextEra Energy provides Hawaiian Electric with the unique opportunity to strengthen and accelerate its clean energy transformation.
- Highlights of the application include a commitment by NextEra Energy and Hawaiian Electric to not file a request with the Hawai'i PUC for a general base rate increase for at least four years post-transaction close and approximately \$60 million in quantified customer savings, both subject to approval of certain conditions.

4. What does this mean for Hawaiian Electric's customers?

- The filing of these applications begins the important review process of the Hawai'i PUC and FERC of the proposed merger that NextEra Energy and Hawaiian Electric believe will ultimately result in a more affordable clean energy future for Hawai'i.

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- The proposed combination is expected to provide Hawaiian Electric with the added capacity, resources and access to expertise to strengthen and accelerate Hawaii's clean energy transformation, while delivering substantial customer benefits, including lower costs and improved reliability over time.

5. What will happen to Hawaiian Electric's brand/name?

- Upon completion of the transaction, Hawaiian Electric, Maui Electric and Hawaii Electric Light will continue to operate under their current name and be headquartered in Hawaii.
- The utilities will continue to be locally managed from their existing operating locations.

6. Will there be any changes to how I interact with Hawaiian Electric/Maui Electric/Hawaii Electric Light? Is there anything I need to do?

- No normal business operations will continue at the utilities and there will be no changes in how you interact with us.
- If there are any planned changes once the transaction is completed, you will be notified promptly.

7. When will the transaction be completed?

- The transaction is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2015, subject to approval by HEI's shareholders, regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions.
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