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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: November 9, 2005

Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter	Commission File Number	I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	1-8503	99-0208097
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.	1-4955	99-0040500

State of Hawaii

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

900 Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The news release dated November 9, 2005 filed under Item 8.01 Other Events herein is also furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 9, 2005, HEI issued the following news release:

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES, INC. REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2005 EARNINGS

HONOLULU Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. (NYSE HE) today reported net income from continuing operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, of \$37.5 million, or 46 cents per share, compared with \$40.8 million, or 51 cents per share, in the same quarter of 2004. For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, income from continuing operations was \$89.9 million or \$1.11 per share, compared with \$82.9 million or \$1.05 per share in the same period last year. The Company's results for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, included a cumulative \$24 million charge to net income (30 cents per share) for an unfavorable tax ruling involving its bank's real estate investment trust (REIT) subsidiary, which was appealed, but subsequently settled in December 2004.

Results were down quarter-over-quarter as increased utility operations and maintenance costs continued, said Robert F. Clarke, HEI's chairman, president and chief executive officer. Our systems are being run harder to meet high levels of demand that were set last year. Fortunately, the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission has since granted Hawaiian Electric Company interim rate relief, allowing the utility future recovery of some of the increased costs of operating and maintaining its system, added Clarke.

Electric utility net income for the third quarter of 2005 was \$22.6 million compared with \$26.2 million for the same quarter last year. Electric utility net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, was \$54.6 million compared with \$67.9 million for the same period of 2004.

Kilowatt-hour sales were flat quarter-over-quarter. We saw demand levels increase significantly last year, so we are comparing sales against a high bar. Also, increases in the number of residential customers in the third quarter of 2005 were offset by lower usage due to less humid weather and more energy conservation, said Clarke. Customers may be responding to the utility's campaign to promote energy conservation and efficiency and possibly reacting to higher fuel prices reflected in electric bills. In addition, several large commercial customers were temporarily off-line for repairs and renovation projects during the quarter, contributing to lower commercial sales.

Other operations and maintenance expenses for the quarter were higher by \$6.7 million due to maintenance necessary to keep the utility system working reliably. Depreciation costs were \$2.1 million higher. In light of the higher level of demand set last year, older utility plant and equipment are being used more heavily, requiring longer and more extensive maintenance. Increases in other operations and maintenance costs resulted from 1) \$2.3 million higher transmission and distribution maintenance; 2) \$1.6 million higher production maintenance due primarily to higher steam generation station maintenance; and 3) \$1.6 million higher retirement benefits expense due primarily to a decrease in the discount rate assumption used to calculate the benefit obligation. The remaining increase in operations and maintenance expense of \$1.2 million includes increased staffing and other costs to support demand, reliability and customer service programs. Increased operations and maintenance expense is one reason why Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) filed a request with the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (HPUC) in November 2004 to increase base rates on Oahu. On September 27, 2005, the HPUC granted HECO an interim net increase in rates of 3.3%, or \$41.1 million in net revenues based on current annualized usage, subject to a final decision and order by the HPUC. Increased rates became effective on

September 28, 2005, subject to refund with interest if and to the extent they exceed rates finally approved by the HPUC.

On November 1, 2005, the Company announced that it would release third quarter earnings following the evaluation of the application of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46R (FIN 46R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, to its power purchase agreement with Kalaeloa Partners L.P. (Kalaeloa). FIN 46R addresses how a business enterprise should evaluate whether it has a controlling financial interest in an entity through means other than voting rights and accordingly should consolidate the entity. As a result of HPUC approval of an amendment to the Kalaeloa power purchase agreement, Kalaeloa provided to HECO the data required to make the required analysis. After performing its FIN 46R analysis, including evaluating the information provided by Kalaeloa, management concluded that no consolidation of Kalaeloa's financial statements with HECO's financial statements is necessary.

Bank net income in the third quarter of 2005 was \$15.9 million compared to \$15.4 million in the third quarter of 2004. Bank net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 was \$47.2 million, compared with \$24.4 million in the same period last year. The bank's results for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, included a cumulative \$24 million charge in June 2004, related to an unfavorable tax court ruling involving the bank's REIT subsidiary described above.

The bank proved to be a winner again this quarter against the flat yield curve, said Clarke. Bank net interest income increased to \$52.9 million in the third quarter of 2005 compared with \$48.6 million in the third quarter of 2004. Strong growth in loans and core deposits, as well as increased yields on loans and mortgage-related securities more than offset margin compression pressure from the flattening yield curve and the continued suspension of dividends paid on the bank's Federal Home Loan Bank stock investment, said Clarke. The bank's interest rate spread increased to 3.26% in the third quarter of 2005, compared with 3.09% in the third quarter of 2004.

Continued strong asset quality offset the need to increase the provision for loan losses despite the additional loan growth in the third quarter of 2005, said Clarke. Comparatively, the bank released \$3.8 million of loan loss reserves in the third quarter of 2004 as asset quality was strong and loan balances were stable.

Bank general and administrative expenses for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, increased by \$1.4 million from the same period in 2004. Compensation and employee benefits and services increased \$1.9 million quarter-over-quarter as the bank continued investment in its strategic plan to become a full-service community bank.

In December 2004, the bank's preferred stock of \$75 million held by HEI was converted to common equity. Accordingly, preferred stock dividends payable to HEI were lower by \$1.4 million in the third quarter of 2005 compared with the same quarter of 2004.

The holding and other companies' results from continuing operations were \$(1.0) million in the third quarter of 2005 versus \$(0.8) million in the same quarter of 2004. The holding and other companies' results from continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, were \$(11.9) million compared with \$(9.4) million for the same period of 2004. Third quarter 2005 results from continuing operations include an unrealized gain on held-for-sale investment securities, net of taxes, of \$4.2 million compared with a \$3.6 million realized gain on sale of investments, net of taxes, in the third quarter of 2004. However, third quarter 2005 results from continuing operations were lower than for the same quarter of 2004 due in part to the reduction of preferred dividends from the bank described above.

HEI supplies power to over 400,000 customers or 93% of the Hawaii market through its electric utilities, Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company and provides a wide array of banking and other financial services to consumers and businesses through American Savings Bank, the state's third largest financial institution based on asset size.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release may contain forward-looking statements, which include statements that are predictive in nature, depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, and usually include words such as expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, predicts, estimates or similar expressions. In addition, any statements concerning future financial performance (including future revenues, expenses, earnings or losses or growth rates), ongoing business strategies or prospects and possible future actions, which may be provided by management, are also forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about HEI and its subsidiaries, the performance of the industries in which they do business and economic and market factors, among other things. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance.

Forward-looking statements in this release should be read in conjunction with the Cautionary Statements and Risk Factors that May Affect Future Results discussion (which is incorporated by reference herein) set forth on page iv of HEI's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, and in HEI's future periodic reports that discuss important factors that could cause HEI's results to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this release.

Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. (HEI) and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,		Twelve months ended September 30,		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	
Revenues							
Electric utility	\$ 491,339	\$ 410,077	\$ 1,295,844	\$ 1,127,295	\$ 1,719,220	\$ 1,481,289	
Bank	97,431	90,296	286,601	269,536	381,349	359,281	
Other	7,145	6,386	8,360	8,836	8,626	19,318	
	<u>595,915</u>	<u>506,759</u>	<u>1,590,805</u>	<u>1,405,667</u>	<u>2,109,195</u>	<u>1,859,888</u>	
Expenses							
Electric utility	443,806	357,364	1,174,058	984,528	1,566,298	1,292,153	
Bank	71,493	63,765	209,508	193,886	274,932	260,779	
Other	3,377	3,944	11,880	10,784	18,115	15,696	
	<u>518,676</u>	<u>425,073</u>	<u>1,395,446</u>	<u>1,189,198</u>	<u>1,859,345</u>	<u>1,568,628</u>	
Operating income (loss)							
Electric utility	47,533	52,713	121,786	142,767	152,922	189,136	
Bank	25,938	26,531	77,093	75,650	106,417	98,502	
Other	3,768	2,442	(3,520)	(1,948)	(9,489)	3,622	
	<u>77,239</u>	<u>81,686</u>	<u>195,359</u>	<u>216,469</u>	<u>249,850</u>	<u>291,260</u>	
Interest expense other than bank	(18,990)	(18,376)	(56,955)	(58,929)	(75,202)	(75,047)	
Allowance for borrowed funds used during construction	558	859	1,460	2,236	1,766	2,765	
Preferred stock dividends of subsidiaries	(471)	(475)	(1,421)	(1,425)	(1,897)	(1,927)	
Preferred securities distributions of trust subsidiaries						(4,009)	
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	1,406	1,934	3,675	5,056	4,413	6,248	
	<u>Income from continuing operations before income taxes</u>	<u>59,742</u>	<u>65,628</u>	<u>142,118</u>	<u>163,407</u>	<u>178,930</u>	<u>219,290</u>
Income taxes	22,252	24,869	52,198	80,478	64,200	98,922	
	<u>Income from continuing operations</u>	<u>37,490</u>	<u>40,759</u>	<u>89,920</u>	<u>82,929</u>	<u>114,730</u>	<u>120,368</u>
Discontinued operations - gain (loss) on disposal, net of income taxes		1,913	(755)	1,913	(755)	1,913	
	<u>Net income</u>	<u>\$ 37,490</u>	<u>\$ 42,672</u>	<u>\$ 89,165</u>	<u>\$ 84,842</u>	<u>\$ 113,975</u>	<u>\$ 122,281</u>
Per common share							
Basic earnings (loss) - Continuing operations	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.54	
- Discontinued operations		0.02	(0.01)	0.02	(0.01)	0.02	

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	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.56
Diluted earnings (loss) - Continuing operations	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.54
- Discontinued operations		0.02	(0.01)	0.02	(0.01)	0.02
	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.56
Dividends	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.24
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	80,903	80,509	80,795	79,204	80,745	78,283
Adjusted weighted-average shares	81,354	80,828	81,192	79,449	81,111	78,480
Income (loss) from continuing operations by segment						
Electric utility	\$					