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Joint CEO Message to Key Hawaii Leaders

Aloha,

In August, Hawaiian Electric, which includes Maui Electric and Hawai'i Electric Light, filed energy transformation plans with the state of Hawai'i, outlining their strategy to achieve 65 percent renewable generation, triple the amount of distributed solar power and reduce customer bills 20 percent, all by 2030. These are among the most ambitious energy goals in the nation.

Earlier this week, NextEra Energy and Hawaiian Electric announced our intention to combine. While there are many great reasons to move forward with this exciting transaction, chief among them is that, working together, we believe Hawaiian Electric can meet its ambitious goals even faster.

In NextEra Energy, Hawaiian Electric and the people of Hawai'i could not ask for a better partner. For an unprecedented eight consecutive years, NextEra Energy has been recognized as the No. 1 utility in the nation on Fortune's Most Admired Companies list. And earlier this year, NextEra Energy's utility, Florida Power & Light (FPL), was ranked the most trusted electric utility in the country. Most importantly, NextEra Energy shares Hawaiian Electric's vision of bringing cleaner, renewable energy to Hawai'i, while at the same time reducing energy costs for customers.

Once the transaction is approved, all of Hawaiian Electric's customers stand to benefit substantially from the combined company, thanks to NextEra Energy's deep operational expertise and proven clean energy track record. Like Hawai'i, NextEra Energy's home state of Florida was heavily dependent upon oil for power generation. But since 2001, FPL has reduced its reliance on foreign oil by more than 99 percent, going from 41 million barrels of oil per year to approximately 300,000. This has resulted in a 20 percent improvement in efficiency and has saved customers over \$6.8 billion. The utility's disciplined, customer-first approach has also translated into residential bills that are approximately 25 percent lower than the national average and service reliability to customers of 99.98 percent. Of course, addressing Hawai'i-specific energy challenges requires Hawai'i-specific energy solutions. That said, together, we will build upon this expertise and Hawaiian Electric's long history and legacy of innovation and stewardship in Hawai'i, accelerating Hawaiian Electric's transformation to an even stronger renewable energy utility.

For several years, NextEra Energy has been working in Hawai i, gaining an understanding and appreciation for what makes the islands so unique and special - and recognizing that what may work

in one state may not work in another. It is important to both companies that Hawaiian Electric retain its name, headquarters and continue to be locally managed, and that all labor agreements be honored. NextEra Energy is also committed to continuing Hawaiian Electric's active support of the communities it proudly serves. NextEra Energy will establish a local advisory board to further ensure matters of local and community interest continue to receive the attention they deserve.

In short, this is a story about two leaders in clean and renewable energy coming together to achieve common goals, and we look forward to thoughtfully combining the best of both companies here in Hawaii.

We firmly believe this is a transformational opportunity for Hawaiian Electric and its stakeholders. The partnership seeks to leverage NextEra Energy's core capabilities, including a world-class renewables platform and deep operating experience.

Hawaiian Electric and NextEra Energy share a common vision. And by working together, we will accelerate the achievement of a more affordable clean energy future for Hawaii.

Mahalo for your support,

Connie Lau, President and CEO, Hawaiian Electric Industries
Jim Robo, Chairman and CEO, NextEra Energy

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