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## FAST FACTS

**Description:** The theme for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **2019 Hawaii Energy Conference + Exhibition** is **Innovation in Practice**.

Hawaii has experienced enormous growth in distributed energy resources, primarily photovoltaic systems. This year's conference will take an in-depth look at the innovative policies and technologies that continue to allow rapid growth in PV, and will compare Hawaii solutions with those in Colorado, California and other states. We will also ask what the right blend of fossil fuel and renewable energy sources is for the portion of our economy not covered by the Renewable Portfolio Standard. Come join the discussion at one of the nation's leading energy conferences.

**Presenters:** This event is presented by **Maui Economic Development Board** supported by the **County of Maui Office of Economic Development**.

The Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation established in 1982 with a mission to diversify Maui County's economy, building pathways to innovation, jobs and opportunity for our residents. Through partnerships with the public and private sector, MEDB undertakes projects that assists growth industries with navigating and thriving in our county, educates and trains residents for new careers, and engages our community in forums that determine future economic directions.

The Office of Economic Development is Maui County's center for advocacy for business development and entrepreneurship for all sectors of our economy. They are dedicated to creating synergy from government to the private sector in Energy, Agriculture, Tourism, Culture and Arts, Film, Workforce Development, and Business Development; and are a catalyst for diversifying Maui's economy.

**Location:** Maui Arts & Cultural Center  
One Cameron Way, Kahului, HI 96732

**Event Date:** March 27 & 28, 2019

## HAWAII ENERGY CONFERENCE FAST FACTS – continued

### Sponsors: **CHAMPION**

Carbon Lighthouse  
Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute (HNEI)  
Johnson Controls  
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PXiSE Energy Solutions

### **ADVOCATE**

Powin Energy

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Neste  
Ohm Energy Technologies  
Opus One Solutions  
Pika Energy

### Exhibitors:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ■ Ameresco                    | ■ Hawaii Energy Policy Forum |
| ■ Burns & McDonnell           | ■ Innergex                   |
| ■ Carbon Lighthouse           | ■ Johnson Controls           |
| ■ DOE Western CHPTAP          | ■ Neste                      |
| ■ Eaton                       | ■ Ohm Energy Technologies    |
| ■ Elemental Excelsior         | ■ Pika Energy                |
| ■ Gridworks                   | ■ Powin Energy               |
| ■ Hawaiian Electric Companies | ■ PXiSE Energy Solutions     |

### Program

**Committee:** **Colton Ching** | Vice President, Energy Delivery, Hawaiian Electric  
**Frank De Rego Jr.** | Director of Business Development Projects, Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.  
**William Giese** | Executive Director, Hawaii Solar Energy Association  
**Jonathan Koehn** | Regional Sustainability Coordinator, City of Boulder  
**Dawn Lippert** | Chief Executive Officer, Elemental Excelsior  
**Doug McLeod** | Chair, Conference Program Committee  
**Jennifer Potter** | Commissioner, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission  
**Fred Redell** | Co-Founder and Managing Member, BlüNebü



## FAQs

### **What will be the focus of the 2019 Hawaii Energy Conference + Exhibition?**

The theme is Innovation in Practice. The program includes topics covering:

- The future of Solar and Storage in Hawaii
- Performance Based Regulation (PBR) and other new directions in Hawaii energy policy
- The interplay between fossil and renewable energy between now and 2045
- Operating Isolated Grids efficiently while being resilient
- Comparing paths to 100% renewable energy
- Unleashing the power of clean energy in housing markets

### **Why is this conference happening on Maui?**

It is no coincidence that this conference is held on the island of Maui. Maui is already a locus for major energy initiatives. The island has attracted leading national and international energy players, and leads the nation with the highest density of EV usage, and is among the highest in the nation per capita for PV installations. Renewable energy accounts for more than 30% of total energy usage on Maui.

Previously known as the Maui Energy Conference, the name was changed this year to Hawaii Energy Conference to reflect what it has always been, the premier Energy Conference in Hawaii focused on statewide interests as seen through the prism of national and international developments in energy.

### **What can we learn from these types of energy conversations?**

At the inaugural 2014 conference, more than 200 recognized policy makers from state and federal government and the private sector gathered to talk candidly about the country's changing energy landscape and its implications for power utilities and consumers. The conference has since grown in scope, and size, and expects to welcome over 20% of its audience from international and U.S. mainland points. Past conference presentations and summary reports are found at:

<https://hawaiienergyconference.com/proceedings/>

### **How is the conference reaching out to customers, who cannot attend this conference?**

Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) will be taping the conference proceedings for future broadcast on the conference website.

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## WHO ATTENDS?

List of organizations that have attended the Hawaii / Maui Energy Conference in the past.

3D Builders & Design, Inc.  
7 Generation Consulting  
8 80 Cities  
A123 Energy Solutions  
AECOM  
AES Energy Storage  
Air Force Research Laboratory  
Akaku  
Alaska Airlines  
Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.  
Alliance of Maui Community Associations  
Allione Consulting  
Aloha Charge  
Aloha Recycling  
Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing  
Amber Kinetics  
Ameresco, Inc.  
American Transmission Company LLC  
Anaergia Services  
Andritz Hydro Canada Inc.  
Anthology Public Relations  
Applied Research Laboratory at the University of Hawaii  
Aqua Engineers  
Aquion Energy  
Arion Energy  
Arizona State University  
Austin Energy  
AZ Residential Utility Consumer Office  
Azar law LLC  
Bio-Beetle ECO Rental Cars  
BioEnergy Hawaii, LLC  
Bio-Logical Capital  
Blu Energy Hawaii /WaterTectonics  
Blue Heron Research Partners  
Blue Pacific Energy  
Blue Planet Energy  
Blue Planet Foundation  
Booz Allen Hamilton  
Brigham Young University  
Bright Energy Storage Technologies

BrightLine Consulting, LLC  
BS Japan Corporation  
California Bicycle Coalition  
California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO)  
Caltrol Inc  
Carbon Drawdown Solutions  
Cargill  
Cargill-Dielectric Fluids  
Carlsmith Ball LLP  
Center for Sustainable Energy  
Center for the New Energy Economy  
Charge Bliss  
Chevron Energy Solutions  
Chiang Mai Rajabhat University  
City of Boulder, Colorado  
City of Fort Collins  
City of San Diego  
Clean Development International  
Clean Energy Research Lab  
CLEAResult  
Connec  
ConnectDER  
ConsultKirby.com  
Corporate Relations  
County of Hawai'i  
County of Hawai'i, Dept. of R&D  
County of Kauai  
County of Maui  
County of Maui, Dept of Planning  
Cubic Global Defense  
Cubic Global Defense / USPACOM  
DAIHEN Corporation  
Daneil Grantham Appliance Repair  
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, State of Hawaii  
Department of Environmental Management  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Department of the Corporation Counsel  
Distributed Energy Resources Council of Hawaii  
Division of Consumer Advocacy, State of Hawaii  
DKK Energy Services LLC  
DNV GL - Energy  
DOE-Auxiliary Svcs Branch  
DOE-Facilities Dev. Branch  
Dorvin D. Leis Co., Inc.  
Dowling Company, Inc.  
Dudek & Associates  
DVI  
E3  
Earthjustice  
ECM, Inc.  
Ecostruktura  
Edisun Heliostats, Inc.  
Eguana Technologies  
Electric Power Research Institute  
Electric Power Systems  
Electric Rainbow Enterprises  
Electrical Consultants  
Electrical Solutions Co.  
Elemental Excelsior  
Elevation Direct  
Emerson  
Endurance Wind Power  
Energy Consulting Associates LLC  
Energy Dynamics  
Energy Excelsior  
Energy Future Coalition  
Energy Industries Corporation  
Energy Innovation  
Energy Storage Association  
ENGIE  
EnSync Energy Systems  
Enterprise Honolulu  
EPA Region 9  
EPRI  
Eurus Energy  
Exergy Power Systems, Inc.



**HAWAII ENERGY** CONFERENCE + EXHIBITION

as of May 2018



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EY Design  
Fair Horizon Capital  
First Tuesday Strategies  
First Wind  
FirstFuel Software  
Former Commissioner HIPUC  
Friends of Lana'i  
Fronius USA  
GE Power & Water - Renewable  
GE Ventures  
Generation Energy, Inc.  
Gen-X Energy Development  
Gilbert & Associates  
Go Electric Inc.  
Go Green  
Go Green Culture Foundation  
Goldman Sachs  
Good Energy Hawaii  
Goodsill Anderson  
Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel  
Google  
Gorham|Gold|Greenwich Associates  
Green Building Hawaii  
Green Futures  
GreenBiz Group, Inc.  
Gridco Systems  
Gridworks  
Growing Energy Labs, Inc.  
Guernsey  
H.T. Harvey & Associates  
Haiku Design & Analysis  
Haleakala Ranch Company  
Haleakala Solar Inc.  
HAPI  
Harvard University  
Hastings & Pleadwell  
Hawaii Air Cargo, Inc.  
Hawaii Bio Energy  
Hawaii Center for Advanced  
Transportation Technologies  
Hawaii Clean Energy Foundation  
Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative  
Hawai'i Electric Light Company  
Hawaii Energy  
Hawaii Energy Law Services  
Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, UH  
Hawaii Energy Smart  
Hawaii Energy Strategists  
Hawaii Energy Systems  
Hawaii Gas  
Hawaii Green Growth

Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority  
Hawaii Island Economic Development  
Board & Hawaii Leeward Planning  
Conference  
Hawaii Island Energy Cooperative  
Hawaii Island Economic Development  
Board / Hawaii Leeward Planning  
Conference  
Hawaii LECET  
Hawaii Natural Energy Institute  
Hawaii Pacific Solar  
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission  
Hawaii PV Coalition  
Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance  
Hawaii Shippers Council  
Hawaii Solar Energy Association  
Hawaii State Energy Office  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii United  
Hawaii Water Service Company  
Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co.  
Hawaiian Electric Company  
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.  
HDBaker & Company Hawaii LLC  
HDR Engineering, Inc.  
Henkels & McCoy, Inc.  
HINA Corp  
Hitachi, Ltd.  
HiVE Energy Systems  
HNU Energy  
Hoku Nui Maui  
Holu Energy  
Honeywell  
Honolulu Civil Beat  
Honolulu Star-Advertiser  
Ho'olawa Energy  
Ho'oulu  
House of Representatives  
HTDC Innovate Hawaii  
IBEW Local 1260  
Ibis Networks  
ICF International  
IDG Hawaii Inc.  
Ikehu, Inc.  
IKS USA  
Ililani Media  
Imergy Power Systems  
Innergex Renewable Energy, Inc.  
Innovative Power Projects LLC  
Institute for Local Self-Reliance  
Institute of the Americas

Inter-Island Solar Supply  
ITOCHU Techno-Solutions Corp.  
Itron  
Jason Davis Electric, Inc.  
Jeanne Unemori Skog LLC  
JFA  
Johnson Controls  
Jonathan Starr Foundation  
Jones Lang LaSalle  
Joule Group  
JRDoran Inc./Ceramic Tile Plus/EY  
Design  
Kamaole Sands  
Kaonoulu Ranch  
Ka'u Specialty, LLC  
Kauai EV Alliance  
Kauai Island Utility Cooperative  
Kaulele Energy  
Kenyon Energy  
Kevala Analytics  
Kulia I Ka Nu'u Lanai  
KUPU-RISE  
Lahaina News  
Lake Forest Dental  
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab  
Leidos, Inc.  
LG Chem  
Life of the Land  
LifeEdited Inc.  
Low Entropy Systems  
Macquarie Infrastructure Corporation  
Mandspark Ventures  
Marin Clean Energy  
Maui Brewing Co.,  
Maui Chamber of Commerce  
Maui County Council  
Maui Economic Development Board  
Maui Economic Opportunity  
Maui Electric Company  
Maui Gas Service  
Maui GPAC  
Maui Group Sierra Club  
Maui Hotel and Lodging Association  
Maui Huliau Foundation  
Maui Invasive Species Committee  
Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc.  
Maui Police Department  
Maui School Garden Network  
Maui Soda & Ice Works, Ltd.  
Maui Solar Project  
Maui Tomorrow Foundation



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Maui Weekly  
MavTech Energy  
MCM Engineering II  
Mercedes-Benz Energy  
Mercury Solar  
MHPCC  
Michigan Tech University  
MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co.  
Mitsubishi Motors  
Modec International, Inc.  
Molokai Island Foundation  
Molokai Professional Women's  
League  
More Than Smart  
Moriwara Lau & Fong LLP  
Morikawa & Associates, LLC  
Motal & Eby, LLC  
MRM Corp  
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.  
NARD LLC  
National Car Charging  
National Consumer Law Center  
National Council for Science and the  
Environment  
National Renewable Energy  
Laboratory  
Natural Capitalism Solutions  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Navigant Consulting, Inc.  
NEC Energy Solutions Inc.  
NEDO Silicon Valley Office  
NEDO, Japan  
Neighborhood Power Corporation  
NextEra Energy  
NextFuels  
Nikkei Business Publications, Inc.  
Nipili Technology Sales  
No Ka Oi Energy, LLC  
Nonie Toledo & Associates  
NORESCO  
North Shore Community Land Trust  
NRG Renew  
NUVVE  
OATI  
Office of Climate Change,  
Sustainability and Resiliency  
Office of Congresswoman Tulsi  
Gabbard  
Office of Naval Research  
Office of Senator Brian Schatz  
Ohm Energy Technologies, Inc.

Olomana Loomis ISC  
Opower  
Opterra Energy Services  
OpTerra Energy Services Hawaii'i  
Opus One Solutions  
Opus One Solutions Energy Corp.  
Ormat  
Pace Global A Siemens Business  
Pacific Biodiesel  
Pacific Business News  
Pacific Energy Alternatives  
Pacific International Center for High  
Technology Research  
Pacific Panel Cleaners LLC  
Pacific Power Electrical Contracting  
Pacific Resource Partnership  
Pacific Rim Land  
Pacific Solar Development  
Paniolo Power Co., LLC  
Par Hawaii, Inc.  
Parker Ranch  
Pattern Energy  
Peak Measure  
Peletex, Inc.  
Perkins Coie LLP  
Philips  
PICHTR  
Poncho's Solar Service  
Power Development Hawaii LLC  
Power System Engineering Group  
Power-One  
Powersmiths  
Primo Wind  
Project Development Consultant  
Public Policy Consulting  
Pueo Farm  
Pulama Lanai  
PVH Energy Storage  
PXiSE Energy Solutions, LLC  
RBI Solar, Inc.  
REC Solar  
Renewable Ocean Energy  
Renewables 100 Policy Institute  
Revamp Engineering, Inc.  
Rhodium Group  
Richardson School of Law  
Rick Ryniak Architects  
RideSmart Maui  
RISE/Hawaii Energy  
Rising Sun Solar & Electric  
Rocky Mountain Institute

Rod S. Aoki, AAL, ALC  
Rosehill & Associates  
S&C Electric Company  
Saft Energy Storage Systems  
Schlack Ito LLLC  
Schneider Electric  
Sempra Energy  
Sempra Renewables  
SensorLink Corporation  
SEPA  
Shelter Dynamics  
Sheridan College Energy Mx &  
Business Development  
Shifted Energy  
Siemens  
Sierra Club, Maui Group  
Silver Spring Networks  
Silverbelt Investment  
Sky Power Corporation  
SMUD  
Solar City  
Solar Electric Power Association  
Solar Fuels Institute  
Solar Horizon  
SolarJonah.com  
sonnen, Inc.  
Southern Company Services  
Spanner Re<sup>2</sup>  
SparkLibrary  
Spider9  
Star Advertiser  
State Department of Hawaiian Home  
Lands  
State of Hawaii  
State of Hawaii - DCCA  
State of Hawaii, Department of  
Transportation  
State of Hawaii, Public Utilities  
Commission  
Steffes Corporation  
Stem, Inc.  
Stewart Title Guaranty Company  
Stoel Rives LLP  
StrataG Consulting, Inc.  
Sumitomo Electric  
Sun King Inc.  
Sunburst  
SunEdison  
Sunpower Corp.  
Sunrise Strategies Group  
Sunrun



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Sunshot	US Department of Energy, Office of
Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance	Energy Efficiency and Renewable
Sustainable Global Partners LLC	Energy
Sustainable Molokai	US Pacific Command J42
Susty Pacific	USDA Rural Development
SWCA Environmental Consultants	Utility Dive
Symbios Energy Solutions, Inc.	Valley Consulting, LLC
Synergy Catalyst	Varentec, Inc.
Tabuchi Electric Company of America	Vermont Energy Investment Co.
TechConnect	Versa / COEUS
Teledyne Brown Engineering	Vivint Solar
Temporal Power Ltd	ViZn Energy
TEPCO HD Renewable Power Co.	Wailea Beach Marriott
TEPCO Power Grid, Inc	WAIWAI production
Terraform Power	Watanabe Ing LLP
Tesla	Water Tectonics, Inc
Tetra Tech, Inc.	Westec
TFC Utilities, LLC	Yahata Corp
The 11th Hour Project	Yamamoto Caliboso, LLLC
The Boeing Company	ZBB Energy
The Cogent Group, Inc.	ZeroBase Energy
The Kohala Center	
The Maui News	
The Power Grid Solution	
The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua	
The University of Tokyo	
The Utility Reform Network (TURN)	
The Write Place	
The Yahata Corporation	
Trane	
TRC Engineers	
Trimble - Energy & Utilities	
TZ Economics	
U.S. Dept of Energy	
U.S. EPA Region 9	
UCLA Smart Grid Energy Research Center (SMERC)	
UCSC & CRUZAI	
UH Maui College Sustainable Living Institute of Maui	
Ulupalakua Ranch Inc.	
Ulupono Initiative	
UniEnergy Technologies, LLC	
University of California, San Diego	
University of Colorado Law School	
University of Hawaii	
University of Hawaii Maui Campus, Ho'oulu	
University of Hawaii Maui College	
University of Minnesota	





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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Maui Energy Conference is Now the Hawaii Energy Conference**

*KIHEI, Maui, Hawaii – November 27, 2018* – The Maui Energy Conference returns to the Maui Arts Cultural Center March 27-28, 2019 with a new name. Maui Economic Development Board announced today that the conference would be renamed the [Hawaii Energy Conference \(HEC\)](#) to reflect what it has always been—the premier Energy Conference in Hawaii focused on statewide interests as seen through the prism of national and international developments in energy.

In its 6<sup>th</sup> year, the conference is presented by the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) and supported by the County of Maui Office of Economic Development. Hawaii is a living laboratory for the effective integration of renewable energy technology, the transformation of the regulatory environment, and the growth of potential market opportunities.

The HEC consistently attracts energy industry leaders from Hawaii, the Mainland, Japan and Europe to exchange ideas on how to better serve customers in the Islands' rapidly changing energy environment. Participants can take advantage of the ample networking time and have access to all the business and technical talent attending.

Douglas McLeod, HEC Program Committee Chair, observes, "The name change reflects the fact that we have evolved into the leading energy conference in the state. The name Hawaii Energy Conference supports our reach to a wider national and international audience, especially to new entities not familiar with Maui and/or the Maui Energy Conference."

Frank De Rego Jr., Director of Business Development Projects at MEDB and Program Committee Vice-Chair stated, "MEDB has always been a convener of values-based conversations on the most challenging opportunities facing Maui County and the State of Hawaii. For the past six years, MEDB has presented the energy conference as a means to share our mana'o (wisdom) with others while also being receptive to new ideas and best practices from around the world. Taking the name "Hawaii Energy Conference" acknowledges that broader focus and welcome to all comers."

This year the HEC will include discussions on Distributed Energy Resources (DER) and grid modernization, exploring how a revitalized solar industry can contribute to Hawaii's clean energy goals.

On the regulatory front, Hawaii was the first state in the nation to institute Performance Based Regulation and other regulatory innovations. The conference will investigate how regulation aligns the interests of the utility and other stakeholders with the goals of public policy.

“We also need to talk about the interplay between Fossil and Renewable energy in the ‘real’ world,” says McLeod. “We can’t ignore the way 2/3 of our energy is used. Most goods and passengers still travel in planes and ships powered by fossil fuels. How do we reach our long term goal using the right blend of resources?”

The HEC will also tackle land use and development with its relationship to energy. Specifically, how can new housing developments be a catalyst for further clean energy gains? How do we bring together government, regulators, developers, energy producers, the utility and the community in a common cause to create a clean energy-housing construction nexus? Is it really such an outrageous idea to think we could build housing in smart connected communities that can limit future electricity demand while providing services to the grid?

“Building from the success of the Maui Energy Conference,” says De Rego. “we hope stakeholders representing the wide variety of interests in energy will join us on Maui in March for the Hawaii Energy Conference.”

For more information please visit: [www.hawaiienergyconference.com](http://www.hawaiienergyconference.com)

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## PHOTO 1

The Hawaii Energy Conference offers ample time for networking and connecting with energy industry leaders



## PHOTO 2

Conference Chair Doug McLeod (right) leads Q & A with 2018 Keynote Speaker Rep. Chris Lee (center) and Gavin Bade, Utility Dive (left).

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### **Sunrun Co-Founder and Executive Chairman to Address Hawaii Energy Conference**

*KIHEI, Maui, Hawaii – January 25, 2019* – Edward Fenster, Sunrun Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, will address the Hawaii Energy Conference on March 27, 2019.

Asked to name his favorite thing by his preschool teacher Fenster replied without hesitation, “Electricity!” Therefore, it is not surprising that he now steers the largest dedicated residential solar, storage, and energy services company in the U.S., bringing affordable and sustainable solar generated electricity to thousands of homes across the nation.

Sunrun was the brainchild of Fenster and Co-Founder Lynn Jurich. Together they created a company known for innovation in a highly regulated and often uncertain environment.

Fenster brings to the Hawaii Energy Conference his years of experience in design and testing new energy systems, while developing consumer-focused financial structures. The theme for this year’s conference is “Innovation in Practice.” No one comes more qualified to explore this theme than Edward Fenster.

The Hawaii Energy Conference is presented by Maui Economic Development Board, Inc. in collaboration with the County of Maui Office of Economic Development. The conference explores national and international trends in energy through the prism of Hawaii’s energy environment. Energy, Business, and Environmental professionals of all stripes from our global community will benefit from the conference’s in-depth conversations with energy industry leaders and the ample networking time provided.

Early Bird rates for the Conference expire on January 31, 2019. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn from an industry leader and innovator.

For information on how to register and other details, visit: [www.hawaiienergyconference.com](http://www.hawaiienergyconference.com).

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### Energy Thought Leaders Headed to Hawai'i

*KIHEI, Maui, Hawaii – 14 February, 2019* - The bankruptcy of Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) in the aftermath of the devastating wildfires in California is changing long held beliefs in the utility sector. Taking action on this and other challenges demand vision and leadership. The Hawaii Energy Conference, March 27 & 28 on Maui, will host energy leaders who are responding to these challenges and will explore how other states with ambitious renewable energy targets like Colorado, California, and Hawai'i are adapting.

Those who attend the conference will hear from experienced leaders in energy with a wealth of experience and key positions in government and the private sector. These will include public utility commissioners from throughout the U.S. who are thought leaders on policy, including:

**Jeffrey Ackerman, Chair, Colorado Public Utilities Commission**, who led the commission's efforts to "establish requirements for a coordinated electric planning process that is to be conducted on a comprehensive, transparent, statewide basis", laying the groundwork for rules to include battery storage when supply-side resources are acquired.

**Abigail Anthony, Commissioner, Rhode Island, Public Utilities Commission**, who is designing and implementing energy solutions that help modernize the state's grid infrastructure while achieving equity and fairness in the rate structure.

**Jay Griffin, Chair, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission**, who was recently elevated to that position after serving as a member of the commission. He now leads Hawaii's efforts at achieving a 100% RPS by 2045 and the commission's efforts in clean transportation as a "natural evolution to our clean energy and climate policies."

**Michael Picker, President, California Public Utilities Commission**, who is leading California's charge to implement a 60% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) by 2030 and the mandate that all the state's electricity come from carbon-free resources by 2045.

**Jennifer Potter, Commissioner, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission**, who is committed to Hawaii's ambitious renewable energy goals, bringing to bear her wealth of experience as a senior scientific engineering associate at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab and energy specialist at the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute.



“Anyone involved in thinking about or transforming the energy evolution should attend the Hawaii Energy Conference,” Commissioner Potter asserted. She added, “This includes policymakers, utility practitioners, academics, technology vendors, and third-party energy market players. Hawaii continues to be a leader in DER integration and is positioned to be a leader in utility scale renewable projects in the next five years. We are working on regulatory reform, DR markets, microgrid initiatives, integrated grid planning (T & D & BTM), resilience, and climate change initiatives (across local and state governments). The Hawaii Energy Conference is a place for innovation and collaboration.”

The Hawaii Energy Conference, presented by the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) and supported by the County of Maui Office of Economic Development, consistently attracts energy industry leaders from Hawaii, the Mainland, Japan and Europe to exchange ideas on how to better serve customers in today’s rapidly changing energy environment. Held at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center, the conference program features invited Keynote speakers, panel sessions, case studies, exhibits and ample time for networking.

The 2019 Sponsors are: Carbon Lighthouse, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute, Johnson Controls, Ulupono Initiative, Innergex, Hawaii Electric Companies, Hawaii Energy, PXiSE Energy Solutions, Powin Energy, Ameresco, Burns & McDonnell, Eaton, Gridworks, UH Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Ohm Energy Technologies and Pika Energy.

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## PHOTOS

Caption 1: Abigail Anthony, Commissioner of Rhode Island PUC



Caption 2: Jeffrey Ackerman, Chairman of Colorado PUC



Caption 3: Jennifer Potter, Commissioner, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission



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### **Countdown to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Energy Conference – Governor Ige Joins the Conversation**

*KIHEI, Maui, Hawaii – March 19, 2019* – Governor David Ige will be featured among a number of key decision makers from throughout the nation at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Energy Conference (HEC). These leaders will exchange ideas on responding to the challenges associated with replacing fossil fuels with diverse and renewable energy resources. Governor Ige will join the panel *Moving Away from Convention: Innovations in Regulatory Policy*, with Michael Picker, President, California Public Utilities Commission; Abigail Anthony, Commissioner, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission; and Jennifer Potter, Commissioner of the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission.

Some of the central questions this panel will explore include the following: What regulatory initiatives are Commissions undertaking to improve utility performance? What incentives have been approved for fuel cost and renewables procurement? What incentives will work to align the interests of the utility with public policy? If new incentives are crafted, can they avoid increasing the ultimate cost to rate payers? What instances make sense to transform the market through incentives?

Hawaii has experienced enormous growth in distributed energy resources, primarily photovoltaic systems. Thus, this year's conference will take an in-depth look at the innovative policies and technologies that continue to allow rapid growth in PV, and will compare Hawaii solutions with those in Colorado, California and other states.

"If you are coming from a place where distributed solar PV is beginning to ramp up, there is a lot to learn from both what we did right and what we did wrong in Hawaii," says Doug McLeod, Conference Program Committee Chair. "If you live here in the islands, this is an unparalleled opportunity to interact with the leaders in the energy community."

Other panels at the conference will discuss topics such as the interplay between fossil and renewable energy; a comparison of paths to 100% renewable energy; and unleashing the power of clean energy in housing markets.

The HEC will be held at the Maui Arts Cultural Center March 27 & 28. Presented by the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) and supported by the County of Maui Office of Economic Development.

This event consistently attracts energy industry leaders from Hawaii, the Mainland, Japan and Europe to exchange ideas on how to better serve the community in today's rapidly changing energy environment. Highlights of the conference include thought-provoking keynote speakers, panel sessions, case studies, exhibits and ample time for networking.

"The rapid development of new business models, regulatory processes and rules, alongside burgeoning technological improvements in energy production, delivery, and storage have wide-ranging implications for all energy stakeholders, especially those directly involved in building the energy sector of the future," observed Frank De Rego Jr., Hawaii Energy Conference Program Committee Vice Chair and Director of Business Development Projects at MEDB. "The Hawaii Energy Conference provides a forum to discuss the future of energy with emphasis on a practical and iterative approach to innovation."

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For information on how to register and other details, visit: [www.hawaiienergyconference.com](http://www.hawaiienergyconference.com).

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Caption 1: Governor David Ige will speak at the 2019 Hawaii Energy Conference

