



7TH HAWAII ENERGY CONFERENCE

JULY 30, 2020
LIVE STREAM

IMAGINING A JUST RECOVERY. WHAT WOULD THAT LOOK LIKE FOR THE GRID?

Please join us online July 30th for a robust discussion of how the energy sector can and should respond to our current challenges by creating a “just” electrical grid.

The Hawaii Energy Conference understands our energy systems do not exist in a vacuum. COVID-19 has laid bare the stark reality of pre-existing inequalities in our society. The elderly, the poor, and minorities have suffered tremendously in the pandemic’s wake. Peaceful, sometimes violent, forms of protest make it painfully evident that an equitable or just recovery is the only path forward to heal our communities.

Not everything is bad news. The planet experienced an unexpected respite from air pollution, and a slowdown in carbon loading to the atmosphere. But the lessened impact to our ecosystem came at an extraordinary economic cost. As we move forward, what strategies will policy makers and regulators use to achieve results that benefit broad swaths of society? How will utilities and companies in the energy sector contribute?

Recognizing the importance of these issues across the globe, and as a Mahalo (Thank you) for all those who have supported the Conference in the past, admission for this three-hour event will be FREE. Advance registration is required at www.hawaiienergyconference.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM HST **E KOMO MAI (WELCOME)**

9:05 **Why Energy Equity Matters... Especially to the Electric Company**
Scott Seu, President and CEO, Hawaiian Electric Company

9:25 **COVID and the Commissions – A Panel Discussion**
Join us for a fast-paced look at how the pandemic has changed the priorities for Public Utility regulation across the West. Hear Commissioners from Hawaii, California, Oregon, and Alberta engage in a live discussion of the issues.

Moderated by:

Jennifer Potter, Commissioner, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission

Clifford Rechtschaffen, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission

Mark Kolesar, Former Chair, Alberta Public Utilities Commission

Mark Thompson, Commissioner, Oregon Public Utility Commission



10:00 **BREAK**

10:05 **PANEL: Solar Jobs – Being Part of the Solution?**

The Executive Director of the Hawaii Solar Energy Association leads a discussion of how jobs in solar and other parts of the “clean” energy sector can contribute to a Just Recovery.

Moderated by:

Will Giese, Executive Director, Hawaii Solar Energy Association

Scott Glenn, Chief Energy Officer, Hawaii State Energy Office

Dawn Lippert, CEO, Elemental Excelsior

Odette Mucha, Regulatory Director, Southeast, Vote Solar

10:45 **PANEL: Develop With Us, Not For Us**

This panel will welcome both policy and pragmatic perspectives centered on how to design and develop WITH and not just FOR communities. Panelists will discuss how societal harms exacerbated by ill-informed energy development can be remedied through co-creative clean energy design.

Moderated by:

Rachel James, Attorney, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission

Ali Andrews, Co-Founder and CEO of Shake Energy Collaborative

Alvaro Sanchez, Director, Environmental Equity, Greenlining Institute

11:20 **BREAK**

11:25 **PANEL: Leadership Toward a Just Grid**

As we embark on the path to “build back better” following the pandemic, our energy systems should be designed with resilience in ways that ensure equity. This panel will discuss emerging efforts aimed at bending the arc towards vulnerable populations now, not as a last resort.

Moderated by:

Jonathan Koehn, Chief Sustainability & Resilience Officer, City of Boulder

Carlos Martin, Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute

Destenie Nock, Assistant Professor of Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University

Kathryn Wright, Program Director, Building Energy, Urban Sustainability



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12:05 PM HST **CLOSING**

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