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BERNARD K. AKANA  
Mayor

April 28, 1989

Mr. Harwood D. Williamson, President  
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.  
P. O. Box 2750  
Honolulu, HI 96840-0001

Dear Mr. Williamson:

I am writing in support of current efforts by HECO and the State to elicit industry interest in the development of geothermal resources on the island of Hawaii. Knowing the devastating impacts that can be wrought upon our island economies as a result of foreign energy dependency, I can assure you of my interest in achieving our State's energy independence. Orderly development of our abundant renewable resources might be the answer to our State's efforts to achieve energy self-sufficiency. Importantly also for the island of Hawaii and its people, a major energy project, like that contemplated, will increase our tax revenue base, expand employment opportunities for our people, and perhaps allow us to become a major net exporter of an important basic commodity—energy.

Further, I am hopeful that if the geothermal project proceeds forward, there will be other direct and indirect benefits for our Big Island and other forms of economic development will be spawned for our citizenry.

Every effort will be made by my administration to ensure that those who propose projects will be treated fairly and expeditiously. To that end, I will seek to work with the Hawaii County Council, various citizen groups and the geothermal developers so that all interests will be benefitted by this important project.

We welcome the opportunities that will likely attend the development of Hawaii renewable energy resources. We will be attentive to the impact upon our communities, our way of life and our environment. By working together, I have no doubt that the County and the State, as well as those who develop this wonderful natural resource, will prosper.

I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard K. Akana".

Bernard K. Akana  
MAYOR

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May 23, 1989

Mr. Harwood D. Williamson  
President and Chief Operating Officer  
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.  
P. O. Box 2750  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96840-0001

Dear Mr. Williamson:

Thank you for participating in the May 3, 1989, press conference to announce that the Request for Proposals for the geothermal/cable project is available. You, your staff, and your consultants did a fine job in getting the RFP completed on schedule.

I want to take this opportunity to reinforce our earlier agreement (your letter to me dated August 31, 1988, and my response dated September 14, 1988) that the RFP process would be a cooperative HECO and State process. This understanding is based on our firm belief that State leadership and involvement is essential in the RFP process to allow my Administration to provide for the public's interest.

Recently, the Director of the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) advised HECO of his concern regarding the State's role and the direction in which the RFP development had turned. I understand some of his specific concerns about the RFP have been resolved.

We proceeded on this joint effort with the understanding that the State would be fully involved during proposal evaluations and in subsequent negotiations with the most qualified proposers. I believe it is essential that the State participate throughout the RFP process so that any decision on the outcome of this project will serve the best interests of the State, and can be fully supported by the State.

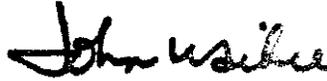
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DBED has advised me that there is an RFP Steering Committee consisting of HECO and State officials as well as the Chairman of the Governor's Advisory Board on the Geothermal/Cable Project. I believe that this committee is the appropriate organization to establish the specific State role in the evaluation and negotiation processes.

Again, thank you for the outstanding effort that has brought us to this point in furthering our mutual goal to become more energy self-sufficient.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
JOHN WAIHEE

cc: Hon. William F. Quinn  
Mr. Yukio Naito

bcc: ~~Hon.~~ Roger A. Ulveling  
Hon. Yukio Kitagawa