

**Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**  
**BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION REPORT**

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**Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**  
**BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION MEETING**

**MAY 23, 2015**

**Waiohuli Community Center**  
**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**MEETING MATERIALS**

1. Meeting Notes and Attendance
2. Notification Letter
3. Meeting Handouts:
  - a. Presentation Handout
  - b. Fact Sheet

**BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION MEETING  
ON THE  
PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

Waiohuli Community Center

May 23, 2015

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**MEETING NOTES**

*NOTE: This meeting notes document was generated to produce a record of beneficiary comments and concerns. It does not cover the presentation portion of the meeting, however the presentation handout materials are attached for reference.*

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Purpose of the Meeting:
  - To present a chronology of past events, meetings, actions and decisions leading up to this meeting
  - To present details of the proposed wind energy project at Kahikinui
  - To get input and answer questions from Kahikinui beneficiaries
  - To explain next steps
2. Who was Invited to the Meeting:
  - All Kahikinui Lessees (75 Lessees)
  - Applicants with mailing address zipcode = 96790 (Kula)
3. Meeting Notifications:
  - Invitation letters (see attached letter) were mailed to 75 Lessees and 75 Applicants for a total of 150 invitation letters (duplicates, bad addresses, off-island addresses were removed)
  - Invitation letters were mailed first class on May 11, 2015.
  - Kahikinui Board members also received an email or phone call.
4. Residents at Kahikinui
  - Of the 75 Lessees at Kahikinui, the Board reported that 10 families, include a total of 30 people that reside full-time at Kahikinui.

**ATTENDANCE**

*Kahikinui Lessees  
and 'Ohana*

Brandon Benz-Marrs, Malia Benz-Marrs, Francis Cullen, Charmaine Day, Virgil Day, Hannah Domingo, Ainoa Kaiokamalie, Maria Kanamu, Walter Kanamu, Mikahala Kermabon, Chad Newman, Harry Newman, Kaia Pali, E.G.K. Aimoku Pali Sr., Donna Sterling

*Other Attendees*

Barry M. Holomalia, Jade Alohalani Smith, Samson K. Kepa Jr., Beverlie Wilson

**DHHL** Jobie Masagatani, Chairman; William Aila, Deputy Director; Pua Canto, Maui Commissioner; Linda Chinn and Allen Yanos, Land Management Division; Julie-Ann Cachola, Planning Office.

**PRESENTATION** (Presentation handout attached)

The meeting started at 1:20 pm. and ended at 2:35 pm.

- Chair Masagatani opened the meeting
- Julie-Ann Cachola presented the background information
- Allen Yanos presented details of the proposed offer
- Deputy Director William Aila facilitated the dialogue and discussion.

**DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION**

*Following the presentation, Deputy Director, William Aila, Jr. facilitated an open dialogue and discussion session that provided beneficiaries the opportunity to express their concerns, get answers to their questions, and share their ideas and recommendations.*

1. *Will the \$175K from the Right-of-Entry (ROE) Agreement go to the community?*  
Response: No, the \$175K for 3 years under the ROE will go to the department. If the ROE is extended, the \$200K will also go to the department. If and when the General Lease is executed, there will be an estimated \$300K per year of Community Benefits going to the community for its projects.
2. *Will any of the roads going makai block our access to shoreline gathering?*  
Response: It is not anticipated that any of the jeep trails will be blocked. DHHL is talking to the Developer on allowing access on the paved road to the shoreline.
3. *I know you're working on getting us access to the road going Makai. Will that be for our community or the community-at-large?*  
Response: We are here to listen, and if this is what the community wants, will take this back for further discussion and evaluation.
4. *Well I say No. Access should be for Kahikinui only. We're having enough problems with access now. With Kalapana, you have to go in with a resident. Since access affects our ahupua'a resources, we need to limit access to Kahikinui residents.*
5. *I'd like to say that we could open it up to other homestead communities, especially the ones on Haleakala. We can work with each other within our Hawaiian community.*  
Response: Noted, will take this back for further evaluation.
6. *I'm thinking about future generations. We can work with each other within our Hawaiian community. It can be open to other homestead communities, but it would be managed by Kahikinui.*



Response: We understand the intent, but we have to look at State Laws regarding shoreline access.

7. *The Ka Ohana o Kahikinui has a Kahikinui Management Plan, developed in 2000, which includes Makai management. It is preferred that any visitor be escorted by a member of the community.*

Response: Noted. Thanks.

8. *My name is Harry Newman and I am the President of Ka Ohana o Kahikinui. We request that we be at the table when this negotiation is finalized.*

Response: We have noted your comment. Keep in mind that it depends on the Power Purchase Agreement.

9. *How will you distribute the community benefits? Will the \$300K go into Ka Ohana o Kahikinui's account so that the Board will get to decide what to do with it?*

Response: We are here to listen. What is the preference of the community?

10. *We prefer cash to the Ka Ohana o Kahikinui account.*

11. *What happened to the request we made that we be present any time the Department makes a decision on Kahikinui, so we can make the decisions too?*

Response: This is a partnership. The negotiations can go to a certain extent, but there are competing, confidential pieces of information. I don't know legally if we can include Kahikinui in the negotiations, especially because the HHC has still not approved the project.

12. *What if the community says "NO"? Will that input be heard?*

Response: If the whole community says "No, we don't want it," it would be reported in the meeting notes.

13. *Because at the public hearings before, everyone was against the project.*

Response: The notes indicate that the community was against renewable energy projects at Pulehunui and Honokowai.

14. *As President of the Helekunihi Foundation, I want to be included in the Community Benefit Package.*

15. *What is the height of the wind turbines?*

Response: Right now they are looking at model that is the same height as the Sempra windmills, about 400-feet high, but technology in a few years may lower the height of the windmill. We will not know until the Project is in the Design Phase.

16. *Will there be provisions for the removal of the wind turbines?*

Response: Yes, it is in the agreement that the developer will have to remove and take away all their equipment at the end of the lease term.

17. *Need to add jobs, and training.*

18. *I'm happy with the road issue, but concerned about potential destruction of the 'aina. Is there any environmental impact on the land and our people, with the lines, windmills etc.*

Response: The developer will have to prepare the environmental impact statement in compliance with Chapter 343. All of these concerns will be addressed. It is good to share with the consultant all these concerns.

19. *Are you taking testimony?*

Response: Yes, this whole discussion will be captured in the meeting notes.

20. *As the project moves forward, I'm concerned about whether there will be any telephone poles used to transmit energy. When they start talking about wiring and moving the energy, I'd like to be consulted.*

21. *We oppose any poles along the highway. Our preference is to have all utility line underground.*

Response: We will be back with the developer to talk story with the community. As more details are known, we will definitely share with the community. Until the due diligence is done, we will not know how the Project will be designed.

22. *Would like to be informed on all archaeological sites located on the aina.*

Response: Yes, as part of the EIS, an archaeological report and cultural impact will be included. Will definitely share with the community, before and after.

23. *Sempre said they did a wildlife study and they said that there's no birds out there, but every time I go out to the shoreline, I see Iwi birds. We don't want to be lied to in the environmental studies. This applies to plants and animals, their habitat, nesting grounds, and the area around the nesting grounds.*

Response: We'll make sure it's captured in the scoping of the Environmental Assessment. Flora and Fauna studies require consultants to talk in depth with the community regarding any wildlife/plant life.

24. *I am the Aha Moku representative for Kahikinui. It's important when they do their EIS that they listen to the community. The EIS consultants should talk to people that live in the area.*

Response: To facilitate that, it might be a good idea for Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui to designate 1 person as the contact person for anything dealing with studies involving environmental or cultural resources at Kahikinui. The contact person would ensure

proper protocol---arrange safe access to the field and ensure access to appropriate resource people.

25. *Walter Kanamu provided his testimony against the project*

- Seems like the community was already sold out
- It's wrong to bring pain to the land
- It's bad to take money for these projects – wrong to rape the lands and sell out
- Speaking for the lands at Kahikinui – he wants to know how to stop the project
- He provided several songs he wrote about Kahikinui

26. *Charmaine Day provided her testimony*

If you're going to look at the land being raped and all that, it's been done already. We're taking care of this area. We're trying to put this place back together. We're not raping the land, we're the new pioneers trying to bring life back to the land. My ancestor called me back to the land. We're building it back to its glory. The community is back on the land as pioneer. It's hard work to bring the land back to life as our ancestors have done. There are projects much worse than an alternative wind energy project.

*Charmaine closed the meeting, pulling from her cultural practices and expertise, she offered an oli about Kahikinui.*

**MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
1. Hannah	Domingo	Kahikinui Lessee
2. Malia	Benz-Marrs	Kahikinui Lessee
3. Francis	Cullen	Kahikinui Lessee
4. Charmaine	Day	Kahikinui Lessee
5. Virgil	Day	Kahikinui Lessee
6. Ainoa	Kaiokamalie	Kahikinui Lessee
7. Walter	Kanamu	Kahikinui Lessee
8. M. Kahala	Kermabon	Kahikinui Lessee
9. Chad	Newman	Kahikinui Lessee
10. Harry	Newman	Kahikinui Lessee
11. Kaia	Pali	Kahikinui Lessee
12. E.G.K. Aimoku	Pali, Sr.	Kahikinui Lessee
13. Donna	Sterling	Kahikinui Lessee
1. Barry M.	Holomaliala	Applicant
2. Jade Alohalani	Smith	Applicant
3. Maria	Kanamu	Unspecified
4. Samson K.	Kepa, Jr.	Unspecified
5. Beverlie	Wilson	Unspecified
1. Pua	Canto	HHC, Maui Commissioner
2. Jobie	Masagatani	DHHL, Chairman
3. William	Aila, Jr.	DHHL, Deputy
4. Linda	Chinn	DHHL, Land Management Division
5. Allen	Yanos	DHHL, Land Management Division
6. Julie-Ann	Cachola	DHHL, Planning Office

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DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRMAN

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

P O BOX 1879  
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May 11, 2015

Dear Kahikinui Beneficiaries:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is conducting a beneficiary consultation meeting on Maui for a proposed wind project in Kahikinui by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC that will generate 60 MW of power. This consultation is part of the process begun in January, 2013 when the DHHL published a solicitation in the newspapers for letters of interest/intent from potential renewable energy developers for projects on Hawaiian Home Lands in the Honokowai, Pulehunui, and Kahikinui regions.

The meeting will be held on:

**Saturday, May 23, 2015  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Waiohuli Community Center  
881 Lauie Drive, Kula, Maui**

The intent of the meeting is to inform you about the details of the wind project and to receive your input. You will also have 30 days after the meeting to provide further comments and feedback. The feedback to DHHL will be compiled and reported to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for decision-making after that.

Details about the location of the meeting and how you can submit comments are posted on our website ([dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov)). If you are interested in learning more about this project, or you have feedback for us, we encourage you to attend the meeting in Kula. Please call (808) 620-9591 with any questions.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jobie M. K. Masagatani".

Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairman  
Hawaiian Homes Commission

## DHHL CONSULTATION WITH KAHIKINUI BENEFICIARIES

### PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND PROJECT

Waiohuli Community Center, Kula, Maui  
Saturday, May 23, 2015 • 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

#### AGENDA

1. Purpose of this meeting
2. Background Information
  - A. Why is DHHL Supporting this wind energy project at Kahikinui?
  - B. What is the timeline for Maui Renewable Energy?
3. The Proposed Project
4. Next Steps
5. Comments, Questions/Answers

### 1. PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

- Present the major components of the proposed wind project at Kahikinui.
- Get input from Kahikinui beneficiaries on the project.

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### A. Why is DHHL supporting the development of a wind energy project at Kahikinui?

- ✓ Excellent wind resource.
- ✓ The project provides a revenue stream for the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust
- ✓ The project develops an alternative renewable energy resource for Maui County
- ✓ The project provides a financial resource for the impacted community at Kahikinui

#### B. What has taken place to-date?

DATE	PROCESS/DECISION
Jan 13, 2013	HHC authorized direct negotiations with potential renewable energy developers on the Island of Maui.
Jan 18, 2013	DHHL published a Legal Notice that invited interested parties to submit a Letter of Interest/Intent to develop renewable energy at Kahikinui, Pulehunui, and/or Honokowai.
Jan 31, 2013 Feb 4, 2013	Briefing meetings with homestead leaders
Feb 14, 2013 Feb 15, 2013	Special HHC Meeting and two (2) Public Hearings on Maui <i>(Beneficiaries did not support renewable energy development at Pulehunui and Honokowai, but were open to options at Kahikinui.)</i>
March 4, 2013	Maui Beneficiary Consultation Meeting (Applicants/Lessees)

### 3. IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- HECO's RFP has been on hold since July, 2013; PUC required changes
- The undersea cable has also been on hold since July 2013 pending the PUC's investigation on whether the cable was in the public interest.

- To be ready to bid when the RFP is issued in the future, NextEra needs to secure the land and a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) in advance and perform its due diligence and investigation to confirm that the location selected will produce the energy expected
- NextEra's wind project is NOT dependent on the undersea cable
- For confidentiality purposes, some financial information cannot be shared at this time; otherwise, when HECO's RFP is issued, NextEra's competitors will have the advantage of submitting proposals knowing what NextEra offered DHHL

#### **4. THE PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND PROJECT**

##### **A. WHO:**

- NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc., a Florida corporation), submitted the proposal
- Actual developer will be Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC (an affiliate of NextEra Energy, Inc.)

##### **B. WHAT:**

- Construction of a proposed 60 MW wind project
- Approximately 20 wind turbines
- Each turbine generates about 3 MW of energy

##### **C. WHERE:**

- Southeastern portion of DHHL land in Kahikinui region
- Exact location to be determined following NextEra's due diligence and investigation period of three years to perform:
  - Cultural field studies to identify sensitive areas and sites to avoid
  - Environmental studies
  - Wind analysis, including installing on-site monitoring equipment
  - Engineering assessment, including drilling to evaluate soil and bedrock conditions

##### **D. HOW MUCH LAND NEEDED:**

- 500 acres to be used during construction and as buffer area
- About only 30 acres will ultimately be used for roads and turbine pads

##### **E. WHEN:**

- Due diligence and investigation period begins upon execution of Right-of-Entry (ROE) for three (3) years
- Option to extend ROE for two one-year periods
- ROE to be converted to 20-year General Lease when wind project can deliver power to the power grid
- Option to extend General Lease for another five (5) years

**F. FINANCIAL OFFER:**

- ROE Fee: \$175,000 per year for three (3) years.
- ROE Extension: \$200,000 per year for two (2) one-year extensions.
- 20-year General Lease. Lease rent figures to be finalized after a PPA executed with electric company.
- Option to extend General Lease an additional five (5) years, if needed, at same rent
- Community benefits package estimated to be around \$300,000 per year. Amount to be finalized after PPA with electric company is executed.
- Both lease rent figures and community benefits package depend on the price of the energy that the electric company buys from the wind project.
- Price of the energy and the ultimate size of the project are unknown until the electric company selects NextEra's wind project and the PPA is finalized

**5. NEXT STEPS**

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| A. | May 23:      | Beneficiary Consultation with Kahikinui beneficiaries          |
| B. | June 23:     | Beneficiary Consultation comment deadline                      |
| C. | End of June: | Islandwide Beneficiary Informational Briefing on Maui          |
| D. | July 20:     | HHC meeting in Kapolei: Accept Beneficiary Consultation Report |
| E. | End of July: | Two (2) Public Hearings and HHC decision-making on Maui        |

Questions or Comments can be submitted to: Julie-Ann Cachola at [julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov](mailto:julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov) or by mail at: P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, HI 96805

For more information please visit our website at: [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov)





## PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND PROJECT FACT SHEET

<b>WHO</b>	NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc., a Florida corporation, submitted the proposal.
<b>WHAT</b>	Construction of a proposed 60 MW wind project; plans call for approximately 20 wind turbines, each generating about 3 MW of energy.
<b>WHERE</b>	<p>In the Southeastern portion of DHHL land in the Kahikinui region. See map. Exact location of the turbine sites to be determined following NextEra's due diligence and investigation period of three years to perform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wind analysis, including on-site monitoring equipment</li> <li>• environmental studies of the flora and fauna</li> <li>• engineering assessment, including drilling to evaluate soil and bedrock conditions</li> <li>• cultural field studies to identify culturally sensitive areas and sites to be avoided</li> </ul>
<b>HOW MUCH LAND</b>	500 acres will be used during construction and as buffer area. Approximately only 30 acres will ultimately be used for roads and turbine pads.
<b>WHEN</b>	Due diligence and investigation period commences upon execution of a Right-of-Entry (ROE) document for a three-year term, with option to extend the ROE period for another two years, after which the ROE will be converted into a 20-year General Lease upon commencement of operations (when project can deliver power to the power grid), with an option to extend for another five years.
<b>WHY</b>	Culmination of process begun in January, 2013 when HHC authorized DHHL to proceed with direct negotiation with potential developers for renewable energy projects in Kahikinui, Honokowai, and Pulehunui, on Maui. Most DHHL beneficiaries were not in favor of renewable energy projects at Pulehunui and Honokowai. Kahikinui homestead leaders and residents supported a wind project if community benefits offered would help with needs specific to their community.
<b>HOW NEXTERA SELECTED</b>	NextEra was selected after a long process following meetings with homestead leaders and public hearings on Maui. Four developers submitted proposals for wind projects in Kahikinui, all of whose proposals were reviewed and assessed by SPS Energy & Financial, LLC, DHHL's renewable energy consultant. NextEra was selected from two finalists following a final round of negotiations in mid-December, 2014.
<b>FINANCIAL OFFER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three-Year ROE Period: \$175,000 per year; \$200,000 per year for two one-year extensions, if needed</li> <li>• 20-Year General Lease, plus one five-year extension, if needed. Lease rent payment figures to be finalized after a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is executed with electric company.</li> <li>• Community Benefits package. Amount to be finalized after a PPA is executed with electric company.</li> </ul> <p>Note: PPA price and ultimate project size are unknown until project is competitively selected and contract is finalized with the electric company.</p>

**Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**  
**BENEFICIARY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**JULY 13, 2015**

**Paukūkalo Community Center**  
**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**MEETING MATERIALS**

1. Meeting Notes
2. Notification Postcard
3. Meeting Handouts:
  - a. Meeting Agenda
  - b. Presentation Handout
4. Presentation Powerpoint

**MEETING NOTES**  
**Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**  
**Beneficiary Informational Meeting**  
Paukūkalo Community Center  
July 13, 2015 • 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

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The Department presented a powerpoint presentation (see Attachment A) that covered:

- The purpose of the meeting
- Background information on Kahikinui
- Background information on the Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

The meeting was then open to public comments and questions which were as follows:

1. There seems to be a lot of interest in this project—will you extend this meeting beyond the 2 hours if people are still lined up to testify?
  - a. If people sign up to testify before 9:30 pm, we will hear their testimonies.
2. Let's assume that the HHC approves the project, can you explain the process the project needs to go through in order to begin construction?
  - a. If the HHC approves the Right-of-Entry permit and the long-term General Lease, NextEra would still need to secure a number of permits and approvals before it could construct. For instance, compliance with Chapter 343, HRS means a full disclosure of all social, environmental and cultural impacts (along with mitigation measures) that could result from the project. NextEra would also have to secure a power purchase agreement with MECO which would then be submitted to the PUC for its approval.
3. Some people don't know what you're talking about—you're talking about NextEra—for \$175K, you should be getting \$150M. I'm kanalua about why DHHL thinks this is going to be a revenue generating project.
4. I would think that if you moved the project to Auwahi, it would lessen the impact since Auwahi already has wind turbines there. In Kahikinui, it's like you're desecrating another pristine site. These are sacred areas.
5. Can you tell us something about the company Boulevard—track record, etc.
  - a. Boulevard is a holding company, where the independent power producer is under the subsidiary banner. Boulevard is a completely independent producing company. NextEra Energy Resources is a non-regulated entity; utilities are regulated industries
6. Is it possible for a line to go underground?
  - a. It is possible and even preferred by the community.
7. In the next month, will you look at the financial and physical part of the project? Is one month enough time to approve a project?
  - a. The Right of Entry Agreement begins the due diligence process which will address details in finance and construction.
8. The 26 -27 mile marker is the only area that is accessible to fishermen. Now you're dumping wind mills on the fishing community. It's going to pit the fishing community against Kahikinui.
9. Should watch how you talk about this project; it's whether it is beneficial to future generations.

10. We want transparency in everything, contractors, etc. We also want to include other moku that might be impacted too.
11. DHHL should seek mana'o from the 'Aha Moku Council.
12. HECO or MECO can't take the power that is generated; you're adding 60MW, now you're going to have to improve all infrastructure to handle the energy you're generating. This expense is going to be incurred by existing rate payers.
  - a. Last year MECO took 21% of load from wind, they were willing to buy 10% more wind when the target was 40% energy independence; but now that it's 100%, they can buy more.
  - b. Consumers end up paying for the costs.
  - c. If you're talking about benefits, so far we haven't seen any benefits.
13. If we put our questions in the testimony, who is going to answer the questions?
  - a. The questions we can answer, we will answer, but some questions are outside our purview.
  - b. At a later date, a list of Frequently Asked Questions will be posted on our website regarding this project.
14. How can we testify when you're not answering the questions?
  - a. Even your questions provide input to the Department/Commission
15. Why are we submitting testimony when you sound like you're going ahead with this?
  - a. The only decision that has been made is who would be the renewable energy producer—that would be NextEra/Boulevard Associates. But the decision on the energy producer doesn't mean they can go out to Kahikinui and start producing wind energy. The big decision is whether or not the Commission will approve the Right-of-Entry and General Lease. Your testimonies tonight and at the Public Hearings will help the Commission make its decision.
16. Throughout the night we heard the process of how to submit testimony. Who and when will DHHL respond back to us?
  - a. DHHL doesn't respond to testimonies presented at Public Hearings. Public Hearings are conducted by the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the hearings provide opportunities for people to present their questions, comments and concerns directly to all Commissioners.
17. HHLs should be here to help us. What is DHHL doing for the beneficiaries in terms of fishing sanctuaries, land, etc., because it looks like DHHL has crossed the line regardless of what we say in our testimonies.
  - a. We're trying to find money to pay for roads, utilities that the county is not taking...not just in Kahikinui, but all homesteads.
18. I understand Kahikinui is affected, but we're all affected by the project. Where is the human element? It seems you only care about the money.
  - a. We have to make the best decisions with the information we have at hand.

19. Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui asked to be on the table with NextEra and HHLs, but we have not been included...it seems like it's a done deal.
  - a. There were legal reasons why the community couldn't be on the table. We've done this in other communities...there's confidential information...but we will see how we can include them on the table.
20. It was mentioned by Doug that NextEra doesn't know what MECO is doing...what is your plan to mitigate some of the shortcomings of MECO? They have said that the power can't be used at night, because there's battery limits.
  - a. As we have discussions with MECO, we'll look at other technologies (batteries, pump storage); our proposal will produce energy—this discussion about storage is another step in the process.
21. What is your (William Aila's) answer...what do you think about this project?
  - a. I know that oil prices are not going to go down; the only reason it's down now is because Saudi Arabia wants to show that they are the best. The reason why the Governor changed the renewable energy goals from 40% to 100% is because he knows that this is going to happen. This way, we can at least guarantee the price of energy for 20 years. If we don't do this, we are going get zero; we won't have another opportunity to figure it out.
22. Doug, we hear about equipment longevity—what is the longevity of equipment you will use?
  - a. Normally we assume 20-25 years.
23. When a project goes down at end of 20 years, who takes it down?
  - a. NextEra has to take it down or whatever is agreed upon in the lease conditions.
24. I'm not a mechanical or electrical engineer, but I can read—I've read that wind mills is not the best way to capture energy. Why aren't you looking at an alternative energy model that includes other forms of renewable energy?
25. Kahikinui has the last remaining koa forest and there's a lot of endangered plants and birds—how much money is set aside for mitigation of taking these birds?
  - a. Through studies, they estimate how many birds they are likely to take. From that amount, they determine what the company has to pay for the taking. The funds go toward propagating more birds and/or creating habitat for the birds.
26. I'd like to request a consultation meeting vs. a public hearing.
27. We're dealing with the Public Land Development Corp. I don't know who is monitoring this, but I see something going on between the HHC and the PLDC.
  - a. HHC is appointed by the Governor and they serve the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.
28. You're talking about DHHL, but there's too many people in the stew...negotiating deals with people that are not beneficiaries; they just want money.
29. How many testimonies will it take for HHLs or NextEra to step down from this project? If a majority of people testifies, will they be heard?
30. I've been standing here listening to mana'o and getting the sense that people want to get maximum coverage because they think the public hearing is the end all; that's not going to happen. Once HHC approves, then NextEra has to do studies, so people should stay tuned. Be consulted in the process. The public hearing and commission decision is not the only

thing...all of the studies has to be economically viable for the company...bottom line. If not, they're not going to do it. We've heard all this about fishermen, endangered species, etc., but not one person supported Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui-and they've been doing this from day 1. This is an opportunity for them to get on the table—we should be helping them move forward. What Kahikinui did –started working with developer from day 1—has never been done before. They initiated working together. The purpose of this meeting and the public hearing, is so that the HHC can see whether or not we will support Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui.

31. We need a beneficiary consultation meeting. It's not that we don't support Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui, it's that we heard Aimoku say that he wasn't allowed on the table. The same thing happened with Kamehameha Schools at Paukukalo. Two- days is too short for public hearings. Beneficiary means everyone on the list, not just a chosen few. You need to take into account the general public too. They're going to say in the future, why can't we fish over there? Why is our access cut off?
32. Can we defer decision-making to have more time?
33. I'm not a native Hawaiian, I'm a maka'ainana—talking about consultation is only on the commission. We're footing part of the bill. So we need the numbers...what are we going to make?
  - a. They haven't negotiated the power purchase agreement with MECO.
34. Today a lot of people are installing rooftop solar because the people are suffering with high electric bills. The wind farm is going to add to the suffering.
35. When is the HHC scheduled to make their decision?
  - a. Aug 17/18—we'll take information back and see if there's any interest in deferral. Decision-making was extended until November.
36. Want to say to Harry and the 'Ohana, I'm not for or against this project that will benefit your community; I'm just against the location.
37. I would like to request a beneficiary consultation meeting prior to decision-making.
38. I came here for an informational meeting, but there isn't enough information and that hurts, and there's nothing on process. What is the process? We're here.
39. We have other processes that needs to be included in NextEra. Our community group has gone through a lot --what we're seeing now is more people stepping up to the plate. What we don't need is people coming in who are not invited. The first people who were Hawaiian Homestead settlers had to prove the program...it's because of them that we're here today. If we go forward, we have aloha for one another...and see how we can make it work; if it fits, then let's make it work. If it doesn't then move on.
40. The meeting on August 17 and August 18 is the meeting on whether or not to give a Right-of-Entry permit at \$175,000? Does it include the \$300,000 for beneficiaries?
  - a. It also includes the General Lease for 20 years with option for 5 more years. The \$300,000 for beneficiaries is included in the overall deal.
41. Could the HHC say we don't want to give you a General Lease right now?
42. I heard people asking for more information; they are going to go back and tell people what they heard tonight and they are going to raise additional questions. You might want to go back and check your notice to make sure you have 30-day notification for public hearings. Chapter 91, HRS.
43. We are beneficiaries, if we come together we're going to be really powerful.
44. Can we email DHHL to get more information?

- a. Yes you can email [julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov](mailto:julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov)
45. We've lived at Kahikinui for 16 years. Our kuleana was to restore the forest and put our people on the land. We helped build the road to Kahikinui so people could come up to Kahikinui. We have plenty of work to do---do you want to come help us? There are lessees like Kawika that can't get to their lots; 30+ lessees can't even get to their lots. We formed a nonprofit organization, we also have the Kahikinui Game and Land Management Organization. We're trying to keep our Makai pristine--there's over 1,000 historic sites down there. But this would help. There has been all kinds of companies that come in --Shell Oil proposed windmills and we said, "NO." We had Sempra and we said NO to all these companies in the past. They're going put windmills up there regardless. If we say NO, they'll go next door. We're ok, we have solar, wind, road, but a lot of our people can't access their lots. We need finances, this could be a way. We haven't talked to our beneficiaries yet. We're taking all your comments, but there's so much to be done on our 'aina and you're all invited to come and help. Thank you for coming and listening.
46. We're not into gating people out. What we're doing is for Hawaiians. We're trying to manage fisheries, so we move the gates around. The first thing I said was, this is prime fishing ground. The reason this area is not gated is because we said no—keep it open. We're not keeping people out, we're trying to bring people in. We were created for self-sufficient living—the cattle and fish are food for us. We're not keeping people out, we're trying to make it better. We have an opportunity here. I'm not saying this is the answer, because we haven't made our decision yet.
47. Listening to everyone's concerns, seems like this process is moving too fast—it should be going 10 mph instead of 40 mph.
48. Pua: one of the lessees that had to leave said she prefers the timelines move out. The Commission meets on Maui in August and November; maybe it can move to November.  
[post note: decision-making on the Right-of-Entry agreement and the General Lease has been moved to the November 2015 meeting]

Closing pule: Ke'eaumoku Kapu. Meeting pau at 9:22 pm





# Learn more about the proposed Kahikinui wind energy project

## **Informational Meeting**

Monday, July 13, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## **Public Hearing #1**

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## **Public Hearing #2**

Thursday, July 30, 2015, 10 a.m. - Noon

*All meetings to be held at the Paukūkalo Community Center  
657 Kaunualii Street, Wailuku, Maui 96793*



**HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION • DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Aloha Maui Hawaiian Home Lands Beneficiaries,

The Hawaiian Homes Commission will be conducting two public hearings to accept testimonies regarding a proposed alternative energy wind project with NextEra Energy Resources, LLC located in Kahikinui, Maui.

To help you prepare for the public hearings, the Department will be holding an informational meeting two weeks prior.

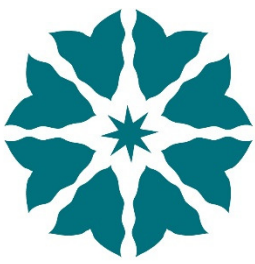
Final decision making on the proposed project is currently scheduled for the Hawaiian Homes Commission meeting in Lahaina in August 2015.

For more information, visit [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov).

Mahalo!

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*From our ideas, we flourish*

**BENEFICIARY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
on the  
**PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**  
Paukūkalo Community Center  
July 13, 2015 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

**AGENDA**

**I. Opening Pule and Welcome**

**II. Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:**

- A. At its Regular Meeting on August 17 and 18 at the Lahaina Civic Center, the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) will decide whether or not to issue a 20-year General Lease (GL) and an initial Right-of-Entry (ROE) Permit, for up to 5 years, to Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC, an affiliate of NextEra Energy, Inc., to plan, design, construct, own and operate a Wind Energy Project at Kahikinui. The construction and operation of the project requires a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) from MECO and although the timeframe for this is unknown, the approval of the GL and ROE would start payments to the Trust and would allow the company to compete for the PPA on a timely basis.
- B. The HHC will hold (2) public hearings at the Paukūkalo Community Center to hear your comments. Testify at the hearing that best suits your schedule:
  1. Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; OR
  2. Thursday, July 30, 2014 from 10:00 am to Noon
- C. Tonight's Informational Meeting is intended to help beneficiaries develop their testimonies by providing:
  1. Background information on Kahikinui;
  2. Information about the Wind Energy Project; and
  3. A Question and Answer session

**III. Background Information**

- A. The Moku of Kahikinui
- B. Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui
- C. Chronology of Events-Wind Energy Project
- D. Selection of NextEra's Proposal

**IV. The Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**

**V. Next Steps and Permits and Approvals Required**

**VI. Questions and Answers**

**How to Submit Comments:**

1. Submit oral comments at one of the Public Hearings
2. Submit written comments at one of the Public Hearings
3. Comments may be submitted online through our website at [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov)
4. Comments may be submitted via email at [dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov](mailto:dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov)
5. Comments may be mailed to: DHHL Planning Office, P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96805.

**The deadline for submitting comments is Thursday, August 6, 2015.**

**For more information, please see information on the “Proposed Wind Energy Project at Kahikinui” on our website ([dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov)).**



**HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**  
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**Maui Beneficiary Informational Meeting  
Proposed Kahikinui  
Wind Energy Project**

**Paukukalo Community Center  
Wailuku, Maui  
Monday, July 13, 2015 • 6:30 pm–8:30 pm**

## **Purpose of Tonight's Meeting**

- 1. Tonight—Staff and NextEra Representatives will provide information on the Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**
  - 2. July 29-30 HHC Public Hearings at Paukukalo Community Center to hear comments on the Kahikinui Wind Energy Project from beneficiaries and the general public**
  - 3. August 17-18 HHC Regular Meeting at the Lahaina Civic Center for decision-making on a General Lease (up to 25 years) and a Right-of-Entry Permit (up to 5 years) for the Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**
- \* Notes are being taken, but decision-makers are not present to hear testimonies; this meeting is meant to provide information to help you prepare comments for the Public Hearings.**

## **Agenda**

- 1. Purpose of Tonight's Meeting**
- 2. Background Information on Kahikinui**
  - The Moku of Kahikinui—the land
  - Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui—the people
- 3. Background Information on the Proposed Wind Energy Project**
  - Chronology of Events
  - Description of the Project
- 4. Questions and Answers**

## **The Moku of Kahikinui**

- Kahikinui, translated as “Great Tahiti” is thought to be where original Polynesians first came ashore in Hawai'i
- Moku comprised of 8 ahupua'a, 23,000 acres is 75% of Hawaiian Home Lands on Maui
- 'Aina Malo'o—dryland cultivation
- Untouched by plantation agriculture and urbanization, archaeological sites are largely intact.

## **Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui**

- **Kuleana Lease Program—75 lessees; 22 have constructed homes**
- **Community Management Responsibilities**
- **Energy Independent—over 20 years**
- **Developed own homes, water systems and roads**

## **Why is DHHL supporting development of a wind energy project at Kahikinui?**

- ✓ **Excellent wind resource**
- ✓ **Provides a revenue stream for the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust**
- ✓ **Develops an alternative renewable energy resource for Maui County**
- ✓ **Provides a financial resource for the impacted community at Kahikinui**



## Chronology of Events—Wind Energy Project

<b>Jan 13, 2013</b>	HHC authorizes direct negotiations with potential renewable energy developers on Island of Maui
<b>Jan 18, 2013</b>	Legal notice requesting letters of interest to develop renewable energy projects at Kahikinui, Pulehunui, and/or Honokowai
<b>Jan 31-Feb 4, 2013</b>	Meetings held with homestead leaders
<b>Feb. 1, 2013</b>	11 Letters of Interest to develop solar, wind, and biofuel projects submitted for Kahikinui; 4 were wind projects.
<b>Mar 20-21, 2013</b>	HHC holds 2 public hearings on the development of renewable energy projects at Kahikinui, Pulehunui, and/or Honokowai. Attendees did not support development at Pulehunui and Honokowai but were open to options at Kahikinui as long as it directly benefitted Kahikinui lessees.

## Chronology of Events—Wind Energy Project

<b>July 12, 2013</b>	Public Utilities Commission (PUC) issued orders delaying HECO's issuance of the RFP for and delaying selection of developers
<b>Nov 12, 2014</b>	Four (4) wind proposals were evaluated by staff and energy experts. Two (2) top proposals were selected for further negotiations.
<b>Jan 16, 2015</b>	NextEra selected as the finalist for direct negotiations on the wind project
	For confidentiality purposes, some financial information cannot be shared; otherwise, when HECO's RFP is issued, other bidders will have advantage knowing what NextEra offered DHHL.



### **NextEra's Selection**

- **Best offer in terms of Lease Rent**
- **Best offer of Community Benefits**
- **Project is NOT dependent on the undersea cable.**
- **Project will produce up to 60MW which will be used to meet Maui Island demand.**
- **Company was responsive to community recommendations to move turbines out of their viewplane to the east side of the parcel**

### **The Proposed Offer**

#### **WHO:**

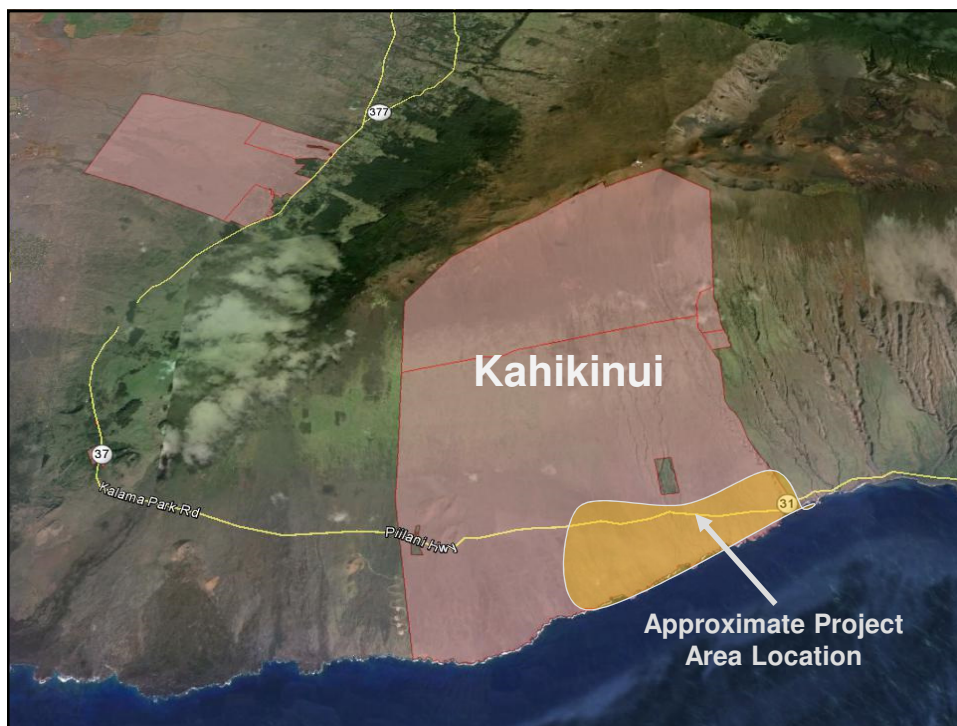
**Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC, an affiliate of NextEra Energy, Inc., a Florida corporation**

#### **WHAT:**

- **Up to 60 MW wind energy project**
- **20 wind turbines that generate 3MW of energy**

#### **WHERE:**

- **Southeastern portion of DHHL's land at Kahikinui (Manawainui ahupua'a)**
- **500 acres to be used during construction and as buffer area**
- **Only 30-acres will ultimately be used for roads and wind turbine pads**



## The Proposed Offer (Cont'd)

- The exact location will be determined following due diligence work, including:
  - ✓ Wind analysis, from on-site monitoring equipment
  - ✓ Environmental studies
  - ✓ Engineering assessment, including drilling to evaluate soil and bedrock
  - ✓ Cultural/Archaeological studies to identify sensitive areas and sites to avoid

## **The Proposed Offer (Cont'd)**

- **Community benefits package of minimum \$300,000/year will be finalized after PPA with electric company is executed**
- **Lease rent and community benefits depend on the price of energy that electric company buys from the wind project**
- **Price of energy and ultimate size of the project are unknown until the utility selects NextEra's wind project in a competitive process, and the PPA is finalized**

## **LAND DISPOSITION:**

- **Right-of-Entry (ROE) at \$175,000 per year for 3 years to conduct due diligence work. Option to extend for two one-year periods at \$200,000 per year.**
- **General Lease (GL) for 20-years, to begin when the wind project can deliver power to the power grid. Option to extend for 5 years at the same lease rent. Lease rent figures will be finalized after a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is executed with electric company**

NEXT STEPS	
Tonight	Beneficiary Informational Meeting
July 14 - July 28	Prepare Testimony
July 29 or July 30	Testify at a Public Hearing at Paukukalo Community Center July 29: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm OR July 30: 10:00 am to Noon
Aug 6	Deadline for Comments
Aug 17 – Aug 18	Decision-Making at the Hawaiian Homes Commission Meeting in Lahaina

Questions?

**Hawaiian Homes Commission**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**on the**  
**Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**

**JULY 29-30, 2015**  
**Paukūkalo Community Center**

**July 29, 2015: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
**July 30, 2015: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS**

1. Meeting Notes
  - July 29, 2015
  - July 30, 2015
2. Notifications:
  - Public Hearing Notice (Legal Ad)
  - Hawaiian Homes Commission Agenda
  - Notification Postcard
3. Presentation Handout

Hawaiian Homes Commission  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**  
Paukūkalo Community Center  
July 29, 2015 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**MEETING NOTES**

*NOTE: This meeting notes document was generated in order to develop the beneficiary consultation report. Therefore it only identifies the questions and comments raised by participants. It does not cover the presentation portion of the meeting, however the presentation handout materials are attached for reference. For a detailed account of all aspects of the meeting, please refer to the Commission's Meeting Minutes.*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioners: Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairperson; Doreen N. Canto, Maui; David B. Ka'apu, West Hawai'i; Michael P. Kahikina, O'ahu; William K. Richardson, O'ahu; Renwick V. I. Tassill, O'ahu; Kathleen P. Chin, Kaua'i

Participants: Jared Aiwohi, Olinda Aiwohi, John F. K. Aki, Foster Ampong, Nadine Aquino, (Alphabetical Leilani Bagoyo, Brandi Beaudet, Brandon Benz-Marrs, Malia Benz-Marrs, order by last Shirley Blackburn, Kristia Braquit, Kauai Brewster, Lisa Briccas, Andrea name) Buckman, Keahi Bustamente, Eileen Chao, Brissa Christophersen, Charmaine Day, Virgil Day, Mike End, Blossom Feiteira, Kehau Filimoeatu, Kay Fukunaga, Paul Hanada, Alapaki Heanu, Gerald P. Hokoano, John Hoomana, Lani Hoomana, Jon Hoku Irvine, Fernando Juan, Kauai Kahaialii, Annette Kailihau, Tasha Kama, Carol Lee Kamekona, Dain P. Kane, Ginger Kapaku, M/M Ke'eaumoku Kapu, Taytron Kimura, Maury King, Charles Lindsey, Christian Kelii Lum, Tim Lyons, Bernardine Maio, Lawaina Malukapu, James and Corina Marfil, Dick Mayer, Jonathan Mitchell, Mo Moler, Erin Mukai, Theresana Brown Na'auao, Brian Naeole, Kahea Nae'ole, George K. Namauu Sr., Guylean 'Chad' Newman, Harry Newman, Geri Oliveros, Lisa Ann Oliveros, Allan Ornellas, E.G.K. Aimoku Pali, Sr., John Panela, Albert Perez, David Pettinger, Kealii Reichel, Joannna Rickman, Walter Ritte, Aaron Shadd, Charlene Shibuya, Thelma Shimaoka, Jade Alohalani Smith, Flomino Souza, Donna Sterling, Darrell Tanaka, Kalani Tassill, Josh Tetzseu, John Tui, Kanaloa Twist, Beverlie Wilson.

**QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

1. **How much of the 60 megawatts will be transferred to O'ahu? Will the energy produced in Kahikinui go to other communities?**

*Answer:* (Doug McLeod, NextEra Maui-based project development consultant) None of the energy produced will be transferred to O'ahu. The energy will be used for other communities on Maui.

2. **Where is the demand coming from?**

*Answer:* (Doug McLeod) It's an island demand figure. There will be a need for it by the time the wind farm comes online. The utility has plans for more wind power on Maui. Right

now, the Public Utilities Commission hasn't approved those plans but they believe all of the wind can be used here on the island of Maui.

**3. If the decision-making meeting is being pushed back to November, does that mean the comment period will be extended?**

*Answer:* (Julie Ann Cachola) Yes, the deadline has been extended to August 21<sup>st</sup>. All of the comments will be compiled into a report which will be presented to the Commission at its September meeting.

**4. Will there be job opportunities for Maui people?**

*Answer:* (Doug McLeod) If the question is referring to construction jobs, the answer is, Yes. The company is not making any promises as to the number of jobs, but Kahikinui is a rugged place and it would make sense to use local labor.

**5. Why do you have to build the windmills on the makai (ocean-side) side of the road where it might cause more sediment to go into the ocean?**

*Answer:* (Doug McLeod) The wind resource is better as you go closer to the shoreline. Also, in our discussions with Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui, we realized that the turbines would be a greater visual impact to them.

**6. Where will the money be spent? Will it stay in the Kahikinui community or go to the general fund?**

*Answer:* (Chairperson Masagatani) Generally speaking, our income-producing projects generate resources for the trust. Allocation of those funds are determined based on the priorities and needs of all the beneficiaries. The Community Benefits Package would be specifically for the impacted community which in this case would be Kahikinui. .

**7. Are any federal permits required for this project?**

*Answer:* (Doug McLeod) There needs to be an avian (bird) study and most wind farms get a federal permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service related to birds.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THE PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

**1. Ms. Leilani Bagoyo**

Introduced herself and read her testimony into the record. My name is Leilani Bagoyo, my boyfriend, his friends, and I have been fishing and diving in Kahikinui since the mid-90s. I oppose any development on these sacred grounds. My reasons are for personal and cultural enrichment.

I live the 5-day, 9-5 grind. Life in town is all hustle and bustle, people rushing from one place to another, everyone on their cell phones are on Facebook. So, every so often when I need to get away and rid myself of all the toxins in life, I like to go back side, primarily the 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> mile marker areas. Besides being a prime fishing and diving grounds, so that I can feed my family, the area itself has lots of meaning. Has a lot of history and cultural significance. This is a place where ancient Hawaiians once thrived, a place where we can all thrive spiritually and culturally if left untouched. Kahikinui is about bringing me back to the

basics. In town, I have no connection but in Kahikinui I get back to my roots, something I think only fishermen, divers, and hunters can relate to.

Any development, I feel, may limit access. I don't want to show my nieces and nephews pictures of Kahikinui--I want to take them there and show them the place where supposedly, the first Polynesians came ashore. I want to show them where ancient Hawaiians lived and flourished as dryland farmers, fishermen, divers, and hunters.

I know that we who oppose the wind farm will make the developers for whoever else is involved in rich, however, if you leave Kahikinui undeveloped, you will enrich our lives and the community as a whole. Don't you think our quality of life is worth more than shaving a few bucks off of our electric bill? Mahalo.

**2. Mr. Doug McLeod**

Introduced himself as a Maui resident and the Maui based person for the wind farm development team. He serves as the chair of the Maui energy conference and served as the energy Commissioner for the County of Maui and has been involved in 20 or 30 different solar projects around Maui.

He has been asked many times how the wind project will benefit Maui. As of today, Maui is powered by approximately 35% renewable energy. That's great compared to where we were 10 years ago, but as of July 1, we have a new law in Hawai'i that says our target is now 100% renewable energy. To get there, the reality is we are going to need a combination of solar and wind energy. From an energy perspective this is a great location for a wind farm. Adding this level of wind will make a meaningful difference in terms of the overall percentage of renewable energy on this island. Right now of the 35% currently being generated, 21% is wind power, which is about 72 megawatts. If anyone has questions for him, he will be available after the meeting to talk story.

**3. Ms. Donna Sterling**

Introduced herself and read her testimony into the record.

Aloha Kakou, Chairman Jobie Masagatani, Deputy Director Bill Aila and Commissioners, my name is Donna Sterling, a 15-year beneficiary/resident of Kahikinui. I farm squash and 'uala on my homestead. I am here to speak for my family regarding the NextEra Kahikinui Wind Project.

Our family supports the ROE with DHHL moving forward with the project. Our family will benefit from funding or material compensation from this project. I speak specifically of our Community Based Economic Development and Makai Management Plan which was developed by Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui with assistance from the U.H., Department of Urban and Regional Planning, in January 2000.

I care for our family's 119 acres of land with a non-profit Helekunihi Cultural Foundation, focusing on native plant restoration with preservation of archaeological sites. On the proposed turbine map you may see a rectangle shape area. That is our land. Our board supports the project. We are located at the 26053 mile marker post. I am directing DHHL to prepare a place for our community members a place at the negotiating table between DHHL, NextEra, and Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui. All three groups are important to the



project for collective existence. I thank you for the time to say my peace and to move forward.

**4. Mr. Kanaloa Twist**

There have been so many unanswered questions. How will this project benefit Hawaiian Homes? Where will the money from the project go? Where will the windmills be placed? What will happen to the old Hawaiian villages down there? Here is my testimony about why I am against windmills in Kahikinui.

Since I was a little kid, I've been going to Kahikinui every week to hunt, fish or dive to help put food on the table. I've been to the top of those mountains and it was amazing to look down on all of Kahikinui. Not a building in sight, just beautiful Hawaiian land of long ago. I've spent many nights in Kahikinui. I've seen the moon rise over the ocean and light up Kahikinui. With all of the stars in the sky it is unbelievable. Sunrise and sunset on purplish orange clouds over Kahikinui can really make a person thank God for another day of life.

It's funny you guys tell me you want to put 20 big white windmills that will flash red lights in the night that Maui hates so much. Are you crazy? This is the most special ahupua'a the Hawaiians have full control of. Kahikinui is a place where you can go to get away from the developed side of Maui. In this day and age, so many people take our land for granted and don't realize there aren't many areas without things like hotels, telescopes and tall buildings that desecrate the land. Most of our kupuna are gone today but isn't this what they were fighting for? We need to plan better. We owe it to the people that came before and to the people of tomorrow. Listen, I know you guys at Hawaiian Homes are good people who want to find ways to help the Hawaiian homesteaders. Maybe you guys can do something with solar panels like a solar panel farm instead, on a few acres where houses are supposed to be. It will be 15 feet high but it will not be noticeable near the houses. There are other options out there that might be better. I'm okay with homes for Hawaiian people but windmills is not okay and is not the answer.

**5. Mr. Mo Moler**

Mr. Moler greeted everyone and stated that he resides on the back side of Haleakala, in the cultural kipuka of Kahikinui. Kahikinui and Kaupua are one of the last great open spaces of undeveloped land to have resisted the onslaught of development. On July 19, 1921, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921 was signed into law. The Act set aside between 188,000-203,000 acres. Under the Act, native Hawaiians can obtain 99-year leases at \$1 per year for residential, agricultural and pastoral lots. Cloaked under the guise of rehabilitation for Hawaiians. Unfortunately, Congress restricted eligibility for the program to native Hawaiians of 50% or more Hawaiian blood. Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole proposed a one-thirty-second blood quantum.

Mr. Moler recalled an unforgettable encounter with previous Chairperson Hoaliku Drake. She yelled at him, saying that no one could live back there [Kahikinui] because there is no water and you can't grow anything. He wishes she could see them now after 25 years of being on the 'āina [land]. He knew that if our ancestors could live out there, modern Hawaiians could too.

He understands why there is interest in a windfarm at Kahikinui. It is a good source of wind; it's a renewable source of energy for Maui. But he reminded everyone that the Act

was established for the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians. It was not to develop a revenue stream. He explained that a big part of the problem is that DHHL doesn't know what Kahikinui is all about. The staff and managers have not spent time at Kahikinui. Very few have walked the land; very few have felt a spiritual connection to Kahikinui.

Moving forward, he said that the Department and 'Ohana has to sit down and come up with a reasonable Community Benefit Package. If we cannot come to an agreement on any of the suggestions for a win-win solution, then he wants to be on record stating his true mana'o [thoughts] that this is a done deal--that the Commissioners, DHHL staff and NextEra are running everyone through a system of deception once again.

**6. Ms. Malia Benz-Marrs**

Introduced herself and read her testimony into the record. She normally doesn't speak out like this, but feels that it is her responsibility to represent her family, her children, and this place that she loves...Kahikinui. She hopes to make a positive impact on everyone at the meeting by sharing how he really feels.

"I love Kahikinui so much, I feel like this is where I belong, where my family belongs. It was definitely not easy, everyone who lives up there knows the struggle, but it's so worth it. As a kid, my sister and I would wake up, feed the dogs, get ready for school at 4 in the morning and get to school an hour early. Then we get picked up from school at 5 or 6 o'clock after mom and dad got off work. Then we had to fill our water tank in 'Ulupalakua and come home, turn on the lanterns, heat up our one pot of water and take a shower in the "shower tent" which was basically a bath tub and a tarp and a water hose. It is freezing up there!

Now that I'm older, have a job and am raising my two children at Kahikinui, I realize that what I'm enduring is so easy compared to what my mom and dad were going through. One thing I wanted to acknowledge is the responsibility they took on. Everybody who has a lot out in Kahikinui, Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui, when they signed their name for their land, they became a caretaker. said, "Yes" I will be a part of this community and take care of these 23,000 acres. It's sad to say the only a handful of people showed up. To this day, this handful of people are tired, they're really trying to set this place up for the next generation. To at least be able to drive to their land, at least. It's hard to watch them struggle and wonder if all the efforts will end when they're gone.

I truly feel torn because DHHL has come to us to 1. Use resources we have right here to make clean energy which would in fact lead us to higher level of independence, not having to use fossil fuel is a huge step forward for Hawai'i and our future 2. For us to help them make some sort of revenue so that other homesteaders can keep on getting funded. I know other homesteads have been generously financially supported. On the other end of the spectrum, I love Kahikinui the way it is. I take care of the land and it takes care of us. If we all were holding up to our responsibility in that way, we wouldn't be here tonight. When I was a kid I got to go with Pat Kirch to map out some of the archaeological sites. Entire fishing villages still intact, over 3000 mapped sites that is just one of the reasons we are so privileged to be caretakers there.

With all of that being said, if NextEra can do their environmental impact study for 3-5 years and come back and tell us this wind farm isn't going to affect my family's health, aren't going

to disrupt native plants and animal habitats and will not desecrate the sacred archaeological history in Kahikinui, then why not let our people have 20 years of clean energy and revenue then they pack it up and go, who knows what will be in 20 years.

**7. Mr. Foster Ampong**

Mr. Ampong greeted Commissioners and the community. He is from Wai'ehu Kou and a former lessee from Kahikinui and he is opposed to the Commission issuing a general lease and right of entry for this project. He believes there is more foundation to why the lease should not be issued, then there are for the benefits. He is not against homesteaders at Kahikinui or any other homestead who is trying to improve on their living conditions. She is opposed to the process in which all of this has been carried out.

Maui already has three windfarms now they want to build a fourth windfarm. They claim this will benefit the entire community. They say they intend to keep the energy here on Maui. But, the operative word is intend. Who knows what will happen once it is built. His NextEra willing to say that the energy shall not go anywhere but Maui. He doesn't trust them.

So far the three windfarms currently operating here on Maui have provided no relief to the energy bills of the island. He answered people say the windfarms will produce cheaper energy. But that's not true, the rates for electricity on Maui have not decreased for Maui residents. As far as he knows, none of the beneficiaries on Maui have been consulted in this entire process. The only consultation happened on May 23rd which was two months ago. There was no other beneficiary consultation. He believes every beneficiary of the Hawaiian homes commission act has the right to be consulted and engage in this discussion. With all that has taken place throughout Hawaii, he believes that is the best thing to do

**8. Mr. Keahi Bustamente**

Mr. Bustamente stated he is a beneficiary lessee in Wai'ehu Kou. He has spent the last decade of his life in Kahikinui. He has been protecting the rare plants, animals, insects, and birds of Kahikinui. Now they want to send it through the ringer. Hundreds and thousands will be killed. For what? To give power to a bunch of colonizers. They say it will be a world class wind project, is that what you want to see out there? It will look like Longbeach. There will be hundreds of windmills. Then there will be geothermal there with smoke coming out of the ground. It's not the Commissions job to build a wind source for Maui County. You are supposed to provide homes and take care of our land. What about all of the spirits and the ancestors out there? That area has some of the most beautiful arc [archaeological] sites in the world. If you look at Patrick Kirsch's book you'll see hundreds of arc sites on the map. That's where they want to put the windmills. Some plants grow nowhere else in the world.

He states when they do the cultural and environmental assessment they'll go when it's dry so they won't be able to see any rare plants. The place will never be the same. They say there is a high probability of success but he says there is a high probability of destroying arc states and killing thousands of endangered species. He says they will curse that 'aina if they build windmills there, but the curse will move to the builders. It always does.

**9. Mr. Dick Mayer**

Mr. Mayer submitted written testimony that highlights important portions during his oral testimony:

1. Unclear to the public whether the figures and information provided in the "Informational Meeting" was already formally approved by the HHL staff + department, by the HHL Commission, or by neither. If there is already an agreement, to what degree can it be modified at the mid-August meeting with revised right-of entry fees? Annual lease payments? With conditions?
2. Will the beneficiaries and the public be able to read the proposed final agreement before the mid-August HHL Commission meeting? Otherwise public testimony at that meeting may be irrelevant.
3. Multiple HHL Commission considerations:
  - a. Maximize financial and other benefits to HHL and its beneficiaries
  - b. Pono use of resources (land, environment, cultural sites, the locally affected community, etc.)
  - c. Being assured of the long-term operational and financial viability of this windfarm operation
  - d. Overall effect of the project on Maui's energy needs
  - e. Recognition of the one-time nature of this decision and its long-term impacts
4. Two separate dimensions
  - a. HHL Board is obligated to get maximum benefits for HHL and its beneficiaries
  - b. HHL Board will need to decide on the proper distribution of benefits
    - i. Kahikinui community + beneficiaries who suffer the project impacts and thus pay the costs
    - ii. Existing HHL Maui beneficiaries who wish to see their community improved
    - iii. New Maui beneficiaries who wish to gain homes
    - iv. Statewide HHL beneficiaries
    - v. Overhead costs to support HHL operations and its bureaucracy
5. Seek out additional proposals by allowing for multiple, competitive "Rights of Entry (ROE)" and subsequent proposals a few years later.
6. Seek out and utilize unbiased, superior financial and legal expertise. Have the potential lease applicants pay to HHL a fee high enough to contract for this expertise.
7. Establish a fixed submission deadline, e.g., December 31, 2017.
8. Determine all of the necessary permit requirements and agencies that will need to give approval:
9. Possibilities: DLNR; Maui Planning Commission (SMA); SHPD (Cultural sites); federal agencies; Public Utility Commission; Legislature; Maui County Council; etc. Delay HHL Commission decision a few months (after mid-August) to get all the information required to make the right decision.
10. Provide the applicant with a "check list" of items that will be required in the submission. Require an EIS, and not just an "EA with a FONSI"
11. Beware of the inherent conflict of interest in having NextEra be both the operator of the windfarm (seller of the power produced) and the purchaser of the power if it owns the island-wide utility. It may work against the HHL and Maui's electricity rate payers.
12. Provide strict conditions in the agreement that make it clear in perpetuity that the produced power will not be sold off-island. NO Undersea cable!

13. Make sure that a robust battery system/capability will be integrated into the project.
14. Thoroughly investigate the possibility of utilizing the SEMPRA power-lines and right-of-way, both to reduce costs and to minimize the visual impacts on the Kahikinui community.
15. Recognize the considerable uncertainty as to who will be buying the power in the future: MECO, NextEra, the County, a co-operative, micro-grids, distribution network owners, etc.
16. Maui Countywide Policy Plan Adopted March 24, 2010
17. Maui Island Plan Adopted December 28, 2012

**10. Ms. Andrea Buckman**

Ms. Buckman introduced herself as the Program Manager for the Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership. The Partnership is a non-profit with the goal of restoring ecosystems from Makawao to Kaupo at upper elevations. The goal of the partnership is to protect the natural, cultural, economic and water resources of the area. DHHL is a founding partner of the partnership because they saw the value of the natural resources that are found at Kahikinui. This area contains one of the last intact Koa forests on the south slope. She has been involved with the project since 2004. She spends a significant amount of time on the land and with the community and she cares for both. She wishes to share ecological knowledge the team has gathered from being on the land. Her concerns are primarily regarding the damage to sensitive native ecosystems and the inherent risks that comes with powerlines and energy production infrastructure. She asks if the decision is made to move forward with the environmental impact statement that there be consultation with the projects crew and the community that provide the knowledge of the natural and cultural resources within these lands. She has seen the difficulty and costs related to restoring native ecosystems that have been damaged. It is nearly impossible to restore these areas to what it once was. This forest is already very challenged and in a sensitive state. She advocates for protecting what few places there are left on Maui.

**11. Ms. Blossom Feiteira**

Ms. Feiteira introduced herself and thanked the commission for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the right of entry permit. One of the things about the ROE that is absolutely necessary is for NextEra to be able to do their due diligence to determine the feasibility of the project. It provides needed revenue for both the department and the community involved. It also provides a community to gain significant knowledge about these new technologies that are coming down the pipe. She also supports the reinstatement of the original decision-making date. There are some concerns about it for her feeling is that the faster they can get this going, the faster the decision can be made. The faster everyone can move forward whether it is to do the project are not. Since 1992, Ka Ohana o Kahikinui has been working diligently to make and keep Kahikinui and its resources abundant and available. This partnership between the department, the Ohana, and NextEra is important and need. The department has neglected its duty to support the Ohana and its efforts. This project is not about the communities desire to have access to go fishing and revenue, it's about rehabilitating the native Hawaiian so we can return to our status as a self-sustaining community that was there before contact. There are currently 77 lessees and 20 lots that are vacant. In order for the Ohana to meet the goal that Prince Kuhio put into the Act, they need access to resources, knowledge and skills. This project will bring that to the community. The decision that the commission will have to make is all about the community

there in Kahikinui. For those of us who want to utilize the resources in Kahikinui, we should be going to the Ohana and offering our assistance.

**12. Mr. Brian Naeole**

Mr. Naeole greeted everyone in attendance. It is very important that we stand up and understand who we are today. He provided Chair Masagatani with a record of who he is. He explained some of his genealogy and that his mother's lineage is from Kahikinui. He is a beneficiary, but he hasn't benefited from any of this. Hawaiian homes has not helped any of us survive, we had done it on our own. If we don't stand up and understand who we are we are going to lose everything as lineal descendants and it is business as usual. The knowledge was given to us by our Ohana. He is a lineal descendent of Auwahi and attended those meetings. He went there and buried the iwi. They took the bones put them in a bag and then put them in a box and put them away. What about the DNA? You need to check how long the bones have been there. We have to get educated to know what to do. They call us Indians but we don't even get a check. He encourages people to stand up and recognize who you are.

**13. Ms. Charmaine Day**

Ms. Day introduced herself and stated that she is a lessee and lives in Kahikinui. She has driven her mo'opuna to and from the area for the last 15 years. Sometimes getting home is difficult. When Sempra [Sempra US Gas & Power] came in, they wanted to put their windmills on a historical sites; we told them no. They went to Ulupalakua [Ranch] and put it on their side and now it's still stuck there in their faces, without the benefits package. They asked for a benefit package and got a 10ft. cement road that goes half way up the mountain. Now NextEra is asking to put windmills in Kahikinui. They offered a community benefit package and this time we know that if we say no, they're just going to go to the next land owner and do it there. The windmill will still be in our faces and again we won't benefit from it. They are hard-working people. It has been 16 years since they first moved in and they are surviving. The community lives off the grid so frankly they don't need the windmills for themselves. They last when they hear about the new communities being built that are energy efficient because they've been doing it for 15 years. They are planning an ecotourism project to have tourists help build stone walls to keep people from accessing their resources. They asked the County to help put up fences but was told there is no money. The community has to think outside the box for anything in Kahikinui. It's a struggle to live out there, but they persevere.

They feel like they were railroaded into this project because DHHL came in 2013 to talk to the community and then there was no communication until just before May 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year. When they went to the meeting they felt like the deal was already cut. On July 13 there is another meeting where they felt barraged again. This is all just formalities so that they can see they are following the procedures. The community of Kahikinui is a private project and they just want everyone to know that they've been managing. She mentions a reforestation project so that someday the community can harvest lumber for their own use and to sell to the public. They are thinking of ways to make jobs to be self-sustainable. They don't mind people coming to fish, but afterward, put back. People just take and don't put back. Every weekend someone is going up into the mountains to hunt and down to the 26 mile marker to fish. She just wants everyone to know what the community is doing and how they feel. She thanked the commission for their time.

**14. Mr. James Marfil**

Mr. Marfil greeted everyone present. He stated he has worked all of his life and isn't sure of what he has benefited to be called a beneficiary. He is not for or against the windmill. The people are not on the land and the department is giving it away. He knows the department has to make revenue but how many people are waiting to be put on the land? He is for the people. Money is important, but the land is everything. People come here and make lots of money is important, the land and they take it back to the mainland. They forget about us. He trusts in the commission to do the right thing.

**15. Mr. Jared Aiwohi**

Mr. Aiwohi greeted those present and stated he is a lessee in Paukukalo. He stated that he is opposed to building windmills in Kahikinui. It takes away the land, the beauty of the land and all of the cultural significance of the area. The community does not know enough about the deal that is going on. More information should go back to the community about the benefits if there are any at all. He knows the Hawaiian community is the minority in our own land and that we suffer the most out of all the cultures that are here. We are the people of this land and yet all of the money that is made off of the aina goes to somebody else. Therefore, because of the lack of information he opposes the project.

**16. Mr. Kalani Tassill**

Mr. Tassill stated he has been a resident of Paukukalo for the last 21 years. He stands before the commission today for the iwi that are crying out. When will it stop? Mauna Kea, one more telescope. Haleakala, one more telescope. Now they want to put more windmills on the aina. When will the Commission put more people on the land? Kahikinui has 20 open lots right now. The Commission has to remember that it is here because we are here. A hundred years from now we will still be here. This opala [rubbish] you want to put on the land, is an eyesore. Stop already. Which is the greater force, the almighty dollar or the almighty one? Tonight he sees more people against the project, than there were in support.

**17. Mr. Keeaumoku Kapu**

Mr. Kapu greeted everyone present and provided some genealogical background, he is a beneficiary in waiting and has been on the list for 30 years. His children are now fathers themselves. He has literally walked the land of Kahikinui and is touched the most when he makes the turn from Hana into the area. Kahikinui is the land of his kupuna.

He feels for the families of Kahikinui because he knows they just want the opportunity to compete with the hustle and bustle of the times but they are being robbed of the opportunity because there is a negotiation going before them by someone else who is not from this wahi pana [sacred place]. There is a carrot being put in the front of our eyes by malihini [visitors] who don't have any rights to the Trust. These lands are supposed to be for us. Why are these lands being given away to someone else for their beckoning? Who is going to monitor these things when the poop hits the fan and all of a sudden we have to worry about our economics? Everyone here supports the intent of the project and wants to make sure they have a place at the table. The commission needs to get to work and put more people on the land so we don't have to depend on outsiders. Give us the opportunity to make our own decisions.

**18. Ms. Tasha Kama**

Ms. Kama introduced herself and greeted those present. She stated the Commission comes to the community and asks for its input and that's it. This is called consultation. She did not agree with the way things are done, the community needs an opportunity to come together to talk about what is going on. She questioned why beneficiaries are not at the [negotiating] table. She asked the issue not go any further until the community has had the opportunity to come together to talk about what the issue is and maybe come up with some solutions about how this is going to work or not work. Everything that is being said tonight and tomorrow needs to be taken into account before any decisions are made. The community is skilled and creative and can negotiate whatever needs to be done for the aina and generations to come. She asked the Commission to stop the process and allow the people to come together to talk before decisions are made.

**19. Alapaki Heanu**

Mr. Heanu stated he is opposed to the project. His father has been on the list since 1974, and believes he will have the same fate if DHHL issues a 20 year lease for these companies to come in and develop on homestead land. The purpose of the Hawaiian homes commission act was to enable native Hawaiians to return to their lands in order to fully support self-sufficiency for native Hawaiians and the self-determination of native Hawaiians in the administration of this Act, and the preservation of the values, traditions, and culture of native Hawaiians. Establishing a permanent land base for the benefit and use of native Hawaiians, upon which they may live, farm, ranch, and otherwise engage in commercial or industrial or any other activities. Mr. Heanu stated it is up to beneficiaries to decide what they want to do, not the state. In this matter with DHHL the community is keen on this for infrastructure from the wrong people. They should be seeking funds from the department itself. There are nine trust accounts which should be for the beneficiaries. Our people cannot thrive because the funds from these trust accounts is being used to pay state employees instead of rehabilitating the native Hawaiians. Follow Prince Jonah Kuhio's will and not the will of the state and other investors.

**20. Tiare Lawrence**

Ms. Lawrence stated she is not a beneficiary but her mother has been on the Ag Lot Waiting List since the 1980's, and a homestead since 2002. She opposes this project. A great way to become 100% energy efficient is for MECO to allow rooftop solar for all of Maui residents. MECO needs to update the grid and stop dumping the energy from Kaheawa before considering the building of additional windfarms on land with wahi pana [sacred sites] and iwi kupuna. She preferred if DHHL leased these lands to the 26,000 on the waitlist rather than a company who receives \$2.3 billion in tax credits. There are many retired Hawaiians who wouldn't mind living out there in Kahikinui if there was a way to get water. She urged DHHL to get the funding for water from the federal, state and county governments to bring water out to Kahikinui once and for all. Kahikinui families have waited long enough. The people deserve to live a self-sufficient, sustainable lifestyle, rather than lease to corporations for profit. She worried about the plants, insects, birds and sacred sites in Kahikinui. It truly is a special place and a wind farm does not belong there. The open space reminds her of the time before colonization. We need to protect what land we have left and stop falling victim to corporation greed and profit.

**21. Nameaaea Hoshino**



Mr. Hoshino introduced himself and stated he is from Lahaina, Maui. He is also from the Kawawawa lineage that can be traced back to Kahikinui. He stated he walked the land at Kahikinui and opposes the project. A similar issue occurred in Lahaina a few years ago when the state wanted to do a major development on Hawaiian home lands. He considers it desecration of the iwi kupuna. He and his family are beneficiaries, this company is not a beneficiary. He opposes this project because the community has no say in what happens.

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Hawaiian Homes Commission  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**  
Paukūkalo Community Center  
July 30, 2015 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**MEETING NOTES**

*NOTE: This meeting notes document was generated in order to develop the beneficiary consultation report. Therefore it only identifies the questions and comments raised by participants. It does not cover the presentation portion of the meeting, however the presentation handout materials are attached for reference. For a detailed account of all aspects of the meeting, please refer the Commission's Meeting Minutes.*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioners: Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairperson; Doreen N. Canto, Maui; Michael P. Kahikina, O'ahu; William K. Richardson, O'ahu; Renwick V. I. Tassill, O'ahu; Kathleen P. Chin, Kaua'i

Participants: Nadine Aquino, Kahala Azuma, Leah Belmonte, Malia Benz-Marrs, Harry and Kahiau Brown, Ellie Marshman Castillo, Erwin Chase, Kālewē Davidson, Jose Dizon, Jatt Ejzengas, Blossom Feiteira, Kehau Filimoeatu, Alapaki Heanu, Kauī Kahaialii, John Kahalehoe, Sr., Trina Kalanikau, Tasha Kama, Kaniloa Kamaunu, Carol Lee Kamekona, Pala'aina Kaniela, M/M Ke'eaumoku Kapu, Kal Kobayashi, Justin Ma'alea, Leilani Maui, Dick Mayer, Bohnelopi McKenzie, Jonathan Mitchell, Mo Moler, Naeole Naauao, Guylean 'Chad' Newman, Harry Newman, Basil Oshiro, Lisa Pahukoa, Shawn Perry, Angus Peters, Akua Po, Loretta Ritte, Walter Ritte, Charlene Shibuya, Donna Sterling.

**QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

**1. Do the windmills need fossil fuel to start up? If so, how much and what kind of fuel?**

*Answer:* (Anthony Pedroni) What does it take to get a windmill started? It actually **doesn't** take any fossil fuel to get them started. The windmills measure the wind, point themselves into the wind when the wind picks up in the right direction and it starts generating energy. It's an automated process; the technology is smart enough to start up on their own.

**2. Will the energy that is produced at Kahikinui be shared with O'ahu? Are we committing to an undersea cable?**

*Answer:* (Doug McLeod, NextEra Maui-based project development consultant) This is a question that keeps coming up because this was something that came up in earlier discussions with HECO. But all the power generated by this project is meant to serve Maui; there is no plan to export power to O'ahu. The project is projected to generate a maximum of 60MW of energy which is intended to serve Maui island.

**3. Who makes the final decision on this proposal?**

*Answer:* (Chairperson Masagatani) In terms of the approval of the Right of Entry and General Lease, the final decision would be made by the Hawaiian Homes Commission at its November meeting. This is a public meeting and any member of the public can attend and provide testimony.

**4. With advances in technology, will the wind turbines be replaced or updated?**

*Answer:* (Doug McLeod) We're looking at 3MW wind turbines, like the ones you see at Auwahi. If there are changes in technology in the next couple of years, while we're in the design stage, those can be factored in, but once the wind turbines are installed, we wouldn't change what's in the ground during the whole 20 year period.

**5. What is the timeframe for completion of this project?**

*Answer:* (Doug McLeod) There's so many factors that affect timeframe. If completion means providing power to MECO, it might be around 2020, but that's a very general number. It presumes that we don't find anything unexpected in our due diligence studies that would result in a major redesign of the project.

**6. What was the date and location of the beneficiary consultation meeting for the Kahikinui Wind Energy Project?**

*Answer:* (Julie-Ann Cachola) There were several beneficiary consultation meetings that began in January 2013. At that time, we looked broadly at renewable energy development in 3 Hawaiian

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:**

1. **Kaniloa Kamaunu:** My concern is the cost of infrastructure—we already know that MECO can't take the energy that Auwahi and Kaheawa is producing. They are losing 8%-they are going to have to upgrade their infrastructure--who's going to foot the cost? We're all going to have to pay. The impact is to existing MECO customers. I'm sorry Kahikinui people, but you knew exactly what you were getting involved in when you signed up.
2. **Harry Brown:** I am beneficiary. I recently moved back here. I've been away from Maui 46 years. One of the main reasons I moved back, is because I was living in Kahuku, less than ½ mile from the windmills. I was surrounded by windmills. \$6M over 20 years is not a lot of money. I want to know how much NextEra is going to make over 20 years. You can thank them for their offer, but they have to pay more. Kahuku generated no benefits for consumers—our bills went higher and higher. I moved away because my son cannot sleep. The windmills affect people with disabilities—why else would I move from my home? Now my son sleeps; now I can sleep. People will say there is no test; the tests take a long time. I can tell you there is effects—people with disabilities are very sensitive. I'm worried it's going to affect other disabled kids. I don't feel good about this project. The ratio of benefits back to Hawaiian people vs. what NextEra gets is not right. I think you should get a lot more money. I have reservations. I ask the HHC who represent all the beneficiaries--to make a right decision. I am just one person. But I am important, don't make my one voice be cast to the wind. I speak with deep concern and reservations. Unless I see the numbers, we need more than so that more Hawaiians can benefit.
3. **Kaui Kahaiali'i:** I am beneficiary of Waiehu Kou 2. It's hard to stand up here, so passionate, it's hard not to lose it. I oppose this project. For everything that's been said--there's no transparency—we don't know whether beneficiaries are benefitting—and I'm

talking about all kanaka; all beneficiaries. These corporations come in with good intentions, but when contracts are cast in blood, we always lose. Can someone commit that after the 20 year lease that the windmills will come down and that other industrial uses won't come in? Can you commit that more windmills will not come in?

Let's do some quick math. If you take 500 acres at 1 acre, that's 500 kanaka you displace. 500-acres at ½ acre lots, you displace 1000 kanaka. 500-acres at ¼ acre lots, you displace 2,000 kanaka. I'm not saying you necessarily want 2,000 kanaka at Kahikinui. My point is that you're so quick to make decisions on behalf of corporations. But since the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act passed, how many Hawaiians got on their homelands? About 10,000? That means there's another 40,000-60,000 out there...after 100 years. How long more do we have to wait? It's time to start thinking about our lāhui, not the corporations. Kala mai Kahikinui, but if I'm going to come up and talk about something, it will be for all Hawaiians, not just me. If you come my house, I'll feed you whole family, not just you.

4. **Basil Oshiro**—I'm not lineal, I'm not a beneficiary, I'm speaking from the heart for people of Hawaii. Few questions: Is this just about money? Hawaii is looking for 100% freedom from fossil fuel, we don't want to be dependent. We're looking for something and the big corporations see that they can make money here. But Hawaii is not for sale. This says there's an excellent wind source at Kahikinui. Has anyone looked at salt air that is generated there? I fish there, when the wind is blowing, the salt air goes up mauka several miles. So that excellent wind source is salt air. For example, in Paukūkalo, the alarm system..it takes 2-3 months or less to kill the alarm system—salt gets into the system. South Point is the same thing: salt got in and it was sad that no one was there to take care of the clean-up. Will the company be here 20-40 years from now—so people of Hawaii, tax payers, won't be holding the bill to clean-up. We can't do that, we need a guarantee. We're limited in the islands. Have you really looked into damages? Have you seen Kahikinui? It's pristine. Generations after generations are not going know the pristine value of the area. Who is really going to benefit? When this came up, I was there at that first meeting—they said we have a surplus of power so we're going give to O'ahu. I oppose project—it's not fool proof, the storage system, its MECO—can they take the power?? They already have surplus..can they take it? Does it really benefit the people? Now the HHC you say you're going take all these comments and you're going to make the decision. That's wrong. The people should be making the decision...9 people deciding for 150,000 people...that's wrong. Let's see the HHC start working with the people. What good is going to come out of this? Hopefully the people can make the decision, not a few people.
5. **Carol Lee Kamekona**: (see written submittal) She has been an applicant since 1999; in 2008 Dad signed Undivided Interest, dad passed away no land, no house, no legacy for his 'ohana. No disrespect to Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui who put blood and sweat into the land. I am not against development; I am not against progress. I am against the continued oppression of our Hawaiian people.

The policy of the HHC is to enable native Hawaiians to return to their lands in order to fully support self-sufficiency and self-determination and the preservation of values,

traditions, and culture of native Hawaiians. In 2007, Act 212 established the Aha Moku System and in 2012, Act 288 established the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. This is the State of Hawaii's recognition of generational knowledge from kupuna on traditional farming, fishing, agriculture and land use methodology based on the ahupua'a system.

The lands under consideration for this proposal is Hawaiian Home Lands, not Kahikinui home lands. Therefore, I propose that the HHC: 1. Convene a beneficiary consultation with all Maui beneficiaries on this issue; 2. ensure a seat on the negotiation table for the Aha Moku Council; 3. Keep within legislative budget and stop spending trust money on operational costs. With over 8,800 applicants on the Maui wait list alone and over 43,000 applicants on the waitlist statewide, it would behoove DHHL to focus on fulfilling the policy of the Act. To entertain the idea of using trust lands for non-beneficiary use to generate money is a lame excuse. You have money, for instance, NAHASDA has \$44M. It's not doing anything for anyone just sitting there. Spend that money, put our people on the land. I have included a picture of the Altamont Pass in the Livermore Valley California area. In this area, as far as the eye can see you can see land. We don't have that luxury. For us, as far as your eye can see, we see water. We need to protect, preserve, and cherish the undeveloped land to let future generations develop it as they see fit.

6. **Kaiawe Davidson**: Good morning. I am a graduate of the Hawaiian immersion program and I am here on behalf of my family and father, Kawika Davidson, who is a lessee at Kahikinui and has been there from the beginning. He has been involved in planting, fencing, and helps to manage the 4,500-acre forest. Our concern is that after hundreds of hours of research on studies conducted around the world on the effect of windmills on the human body, we have found that people living in close proximity to wind turbines experience: short terms effects, including: nausea, anxiety, insomnia, depression, cardiac problems, memory dysfunction, blood pressure elevations, chronic sleep deprivation, panic, and vertigo spells. Not sure about the long term effects. The mechanism for causing the adverse effect on the human body are the artificial electromagnetic fields generated by the megawatt generators on the top of the turbines and the sonic waves created by the blades. This is well documented online, under topics like "the effect of wind mills on human health." These are our concerns about health risks for the homesteaders living in close proximity.

As a Kanaka Maoli, it destroys the nature and life source of the land. Once gone, it can never be restored. Where does the destroying and taking over the lands end? This is sacred and precious lands that people have been farming and fishing from generation to generation. You commissioners are responsible for the life of the land and the life and care for the people. My family will not support this project because there no righteousness in destroying the land.

7. **Chad Newman**: I am member of Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui. I want to talk about my mother growing up in Pelekunu Valley in Moloka'i. She taught us basic protocols—for example, we brought makana for people there, but the first thing we'd do is clean up the area before we picked limu. When we went mauka, we would plant and clean. These

are practices she taught us. She said watch carefully where you step. Never take roots, watch your effect on beings. It was the beginning of my understanding of haloa.

In 1993, we were contacted about land opening up at Kahikinui—it was a pilot project. We witnessed the overgrazing of the mauka area. We started a newsletter to inform lessees. As we started to work with one another we quickly learned that we could either help each other or we could fight each other.

In a symbiotic relationship—there's a host. This is different from parasitism where one species just drains the resource of the other. The world of flora and fauna. People relate to relationships differently, they have different relationships with humans. Taking advantages. Humans cannot live without symbiosis. Symbiosis is connected, humans take advantage our presence was crucial to be protectors of the land because land was being used by ranchers for over 100 years. You see the grazing area—that used to be forest. We wanted to save the last bit of the native forest so today we have groups that are working—the whole upper area is being protected to ensure that the native forest continue. We are continuing our projects out there, we do need funding. This is one of things we looked at. There's thousands of historic sites that we would like to restore. We support this project as an alternative form of energy.

8. **Ellie Marshman Castillo**: I am here as the secretary of the Aha Moku of Wailuku and as a concerned citizen. In a General Meeting of the Wailuku Moku on July 10, 2015, a motion was ratified to address concerns raised by the NextEra and DHHL Public hearings stemming from the lack of consultation with the Aha Moku o Maui, heirs and assigns of Land Commission Awardees. DHHL is authorized by federal mandate of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, however, there are no circumstances by which the Department may negotiate the proposal with NextEra without compromising the intent of the Hawaiian Homes Act. To continue public hearings without meaningful consultation, segregating communities under the misguided belief that residents of DHHL at Kahikinui are the only parties with standing and the Aha Moku o Maui has no interest, is fruitless. Therefore, the Wailuku Moku objects to the arrangement promoted by DHHL, the State of Hawaii and NextEra. There will be no support provided for the advancement of this or similar ideas and projects without the inclusion of a consultative process by the Wailuku Moku.
9. **Jody Allione**: I wanted to share my story as a development consultant for NextEra and what we've been doing with Kahikinui. I was brought in 3 years ago with the concept of doing a wind project—to see if we could make it work—if it would be OK with the community. We had a lot of meetings. The bottom line is that there's a lot of unoccupied lots. But they can't move on lots without infrastructure. We have the means to do this with the Community Benefits Package. They need roads and water. The community association put a list together on what they wanted, including: a share of interim funding, road construction to existing lots, water to existing lots, electricity, first choice for jobs, help to set themselves up as an eco-tourism venture, annual percentage of profit sharing, guaranteed removal plan at the end of the term, site planning for schools, community center, security presence for the community. We can't do all of this, but with

assistance of HHC, we can do a lot of this. We propose a 3-way partnership starting now till when the turbines come down.

10. **Noelani Aquino:** I'm an applicant and have been on the list since I was 18 years old. Just got off the plane from moku o Keawe. I'm here to share that the people of the Big Island hear about what's happening on this island. There's a connection between Maunakea and Haleakala. I come here not with a written speech, just with Ke Akua. I hope that the favor he has put on this island be taken to heart. I hope that whatever happens is God's will.
11. **Angus Peters:** Aloha—I respect my mother's wishes, you cannot stop progress. For me, there's more important things than the windmills. Look into the future. HHC should look at grave yards, no matter where you're from. You can be buried on the Island.
12. **Mo Moler**—Aloha I'll start off where I got cut off from last night. You can see a lot of opposition today. We've been involved in everything about planning, implementation and development at Kahikinui, but we have had very little involvement in this project. In spite of the fact that this project will have greatest impact on us. He acknowledges that NextEra was responsive to their recommendations to move the turbines from the west to the east end of the parcel. But he said that they were not responsive to the 'Ohana's suggestion to move the turbines mauka of the road, which would facilitate running electric lines to service all homestead lots, for free.

At this point the 'Ohana is convinced that NextEra will do everything within their power to accommodate their needs. There's still things that need to be done, including: have to walk the land, wants to see detailed plans for the development of the system, need to negotiate benefits package hoping it will be robust, need further studies on our health, our 'āina, and on our pristine and undeveloped landscape. If we can't come to an agreement on a win-win situation, then I want to go on record that NextEra, the DHHL and staff are running us through a system of deception once again.

13. **Brian Nae'ole:** I wanted to thank the Commission for the opportunity to address this Commission for the second time. I was here last night and I hand delivered my DNA to Jobie. In the history of the Kahikinui lands, you will find Land Commission Award Number 7713 which belongs to Victoria Kamamalu. She is my lineal descendant on my mother's side. Victoria Kamamalu still owns these properties, in the Kona portion of this ahupua'a.

I have educated myself on who I am, where I come from, and I understand why it is important to recognize this discussion. I found out that we're not getting anything for the Victoria Kamamalu lands. I'm also a lineal descendent to the 'Auwahi Wind farm via Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani. We (Brian Nae'ole Na'auao, Stephen Na'auao, Jr. and Florence Lani Pi'ena Kuhaulua) have come forward to assert our claims. We found our DNA and we know how important it is.

We have people from outside of Hawai'i that are taking all this revenue. When we asserted our claims, we got pulled to the side. I have diligently worked with the relevant agencies (State of Hawai'i, DHHL, OHA and DLNR). These outside companies are going to make all this money. We come up and give you our DNA and I have been



disrespected. I give you my DNA, but I haven't got one single response from any agency.

This is business as usual and we're tired. We want to live happy, work together, but this is not a "working together" process. This is a land grab situation. We find out today that Hawai'i is not part of the US...now why is this put on the side and not being addressed? We are being fast tracked ignored—we have no choice but to sue like everyone else. We're tired, we know our rights. I come from 2 famous lines: my grandfather, was Chief Nae'ole, the one that took care of Kamehameha I. Then there's Alapa'i Nui Kawawa Mahi from Kahikinui. These people come from the na'au of the area.

So there's a lot we can do. First and foremost you have to work on giving us the opportunity to pursue our claims. If we don't go forward and get it cleared, I have a legal vested right because this is who I am. Maybe we have to sue like everyone else. We find out today that we were illegally overthrown. But we're tired like everyone else. I'm poor, we want to live happy.

14. **Blossom Feiteira:** Thank you for the opportunity to give my testimony in support of this proposal. Kahikinui has been here for 1,000 years, then we experienced over 150 years of ranching that denuded the environment. This moku is the only moku that is part of DHHL. This is not public land, this is HHLs. Ka ohana has taken up the responsibility of taking care of this place. My kuleana is not named that because looked like shit, then hundreds of years of ranching, degraded lands. I can go anywhere to pick 'opihi, but the only way I can pick 'opihi at Kahikinui is if the 'Ohana gets enough funding to manage their land-based projects. You have had this for many years. People think it's open to the public, where anyone can do anything. It's not. It's for native Hawaiian benefit. For 20 years KOK has taken up the mantle. I don't agree with windmills here. It's beautiful. But as a beneficiary, my kuleana is not to look at my personal needs; but to look out for the needs of the community at Kahikinui. I can go fishing anywhere. What I can't do is live at Kahikinui the way my ancestors did unless the 'ohana can make this place a viable place for all Hawaiians. I request that you bring the 'ohana to the table and keep them here because we will have a lot of work to do. Don't forget—the primary purpose of the act...native Hawaiians returning to the land and in this case, it's Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui.

15. **Ke'eaumoku Kapu and Granddaughter:** I hanai my granddaughter to this Commission. She has the right numbers. She is truly a beneficiary. I'm still waiting. I'm heart-filled with the issues we face today. Maybe we can start sperm bank for Hawaiians. We kanaka today are no different from other people in Hawaii. We're struggling. But we're supposed to have benefits.

16. **Kua (Mo's son):** I grew up in Kahikinui. Over years, saw change, started with roads, telecommunications came in every lot got phones lines, we were involved, we saw it happen. The next development was the road being paved. That was 10-12 years ago and we haven't seen anything except for the windmills at Auwahi. When you come across the back side and see that area. But like people saying—it's a done deal, sad that the Hawaiian Homes Commission didn't involve the community. Just ask if you're going to do it, make sure we're involved.

17. **Dick Mayer**—see written testimony. I would urge you to request that applications have criteria as to what to include in the proposal. For instance, they should have a battery storage and the power line route and alternatives be identified clearly. Should apply an inflation figure to the power purchase agreement. Of course, they need to do the environmental compliance—Chapter 343 full disclosure of impacts and mitigation of those impacts. But I suggest that you also include enforcement measures. Who is going to enforce the mitigation efforts. What about breaking down the windmills? Who maintains the windmills. I would urge you to get the parent NextEra company to sign off on the contract, not the paper company. Should identify the power utility at that time—leave it generally defined because MECO may be changing. I also suggest you include the PUC as a signature on the contract.
18. **Kehau Filimoeatu**: do you really want to hear from me? Because the only way, is to listen. True testimony needs a tongue to utter. Kehau introduced herself and her ancestral lines. I was on waitlist for a decade without access. I went back to see when the Kahikinui project got approval, we pulled up an agenda dated May 23 at Waiohuli. Then at the end, there's the next steps. There was also on Nov 12, 2014 a selection of 2 proposals. Then I got a letter dated Nov 25, 2014 as the President of Na Po'e Kokua. It says we got your letter of interest and DHHL regrets your proposal was not selected to pursue. There were many proposals. June 23rd last day to comment. Public info mtgs—but I didn't get the letter. I wanted to challenge you today to see if you would stick around after noon. I don't trust your timeline, I definitely don't trust this process. It needs to be paused or ignored. Yesterday was a long day, actually I had 28 hours for this day. I just spent a week with faith based organizations, some having oppression, all coming with all faiths of akua. Those people asked me to go to Kaanapali. But it was so hot. But I also wanted to attend the public hearing last night. Upon arrival I could see that there was acquiescence to a dominant narrative. I thought it would be before an unbiased body, I felt disappointment. For being sucked into a process--yet you claim we should trust the fiduciaries of our trust. You insult us with timelines so can follow along. You throw pennies so can find our way home. Your beneficiaries, your people know where we belong, we have nowhere else to go-- but I still love all of you.
19. **Walter Ritte**: I'm from Moloka'i--we had a similar process on Moloka'i many years ago, we're talking huge development, lots of windmills, cables, etc. and today there's no windmills on Moloka'i. The key word is process. When you pick opihi, you can either come home with lots of good stuff or come home with nothing and die. Also, in Hawaiian communities, process is key. They don't trust the process. You have to figure out how to get out of your box. I hope the HHC broadens the table, spend the money upfront to talk with a lot of people. You have people that support and people that don't support. You need to find out where the common ground is. Figure out how to come out of the box...figure out how you can come to some kind of agreement

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

### PROPOSED LAND DISPOSITION OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS FOR A WIND ENERGY PROJECT AT KAHIKINUI ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI

Public Notice is hereby given that the Hawaiian Homes Commission will hold two (2) public hearings, pursuant to Chapter 171-95.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, at the Paukukalo Community Center, 657 Kaunualii Street, Wailuku, Maui, in order to provide information on a proposed Kahikiniui wind energy project and to hear comments on the proposed wind project. The hearings will be held on:

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
and  
Thursday, July 30, 2015 from 10:00 am to 12 noon

Information on the proposed land disposition and the Kahikiniui wind project will be provided at the beginning of the hearings. Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC, an affiliate of NextEra Energy, Inc., a Florida corporation, is requesting a General Lease of up to 25 years following a due diligence period of up to 5 years under a right-of-entry permit.

Native Hawaiian beneficiaries and members of the public are invited to attend one of the public hearings to submit oral and/or written comments on the proposed leasing of land for the Kahikiniui wind project. Comments may also be submitted online at [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov); by email at [dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov](mailto:dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov); or by regular mail to DHHL Planning Office, P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, Hawaii'i 96805. The deadline for submitting comments is Monday, August 31, 2015.

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By   
Jobie M.K. Masagatani, Chairman  
Hawaiian Homes Commission

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS  
ON THE PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS (SAME FOR BOTH DAYS)**

Roll Call  
Approval of Agenda  
Format and Ground Rules  
How to Submit Comments (see below)

**A. PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

Presentation of proposed wind energy project on Hawaiian home lands at Kahikinui, Maui, to be developed by Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC an affiliate of NextEra Inc., and proposed lease of Hawaiian home lands to Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC an affiliate of NextEra Inc. for the project.

**B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THE PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

Public Testimony limited to (3) three minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

1. Next Meeting -- August 17-18, 2015, Leialii, Maui
2. Other Announcements
3. Adjournment

  
Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Chairman  
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**COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY THE  
FOLLOWING:**

1. By testifying in person at Public Hearing
2. As written comments at the Public Hearing
3. Online through our website at: [www.dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://www.dhhl.hawaii.gov)
4. Via email at: [dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov](mailto:dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov)
5. Via mail send your comments to:  
DHHL Planning Office P.O. Box 1879 Honolulu, HI  
96805

**The deadline for submitting comments is:  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015.**

**For more information, please see the “Proposed Wind Energy  
Project at Kahikinui” on our website: [www.dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://www.dhhl.hawaii.gov)**



# Learn more about the proposed Kahikinui wind energy project

## **Informational Meeting**

Monday, July 13, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## **Public Hearing #1**

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## **Public Hearing #2**

Thursday, July 30, 2015, 10 a.m. - Noon

*All meetings to be held at the Paukūkalo Community Center  
657 Kaunualii Street, Wailuku, Maui 96793*



**HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

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Aloha Maui Hawaiian Home Lands Beneficiaries,

The Hawaiian Homes Commission will be conducting two public hearings to accept testimonies regarding a proposed alternative energy wind project with NextEra Energy Resources, LLC located in Kahikinui, Maui.

To help you prepare for the public hearings, the Department will be holding an informational meeting two weeks prior.

Final decision making on the proposed project is currently scheduled for the Hawaiian Homes Commission meeting in Lahaina in August 2015.

For more information, visit [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov).

Mahalo!

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# Hawaiian Homes Commission Public Hearing July 29 and July 30, 2015 Agenda

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Format and Ground Rules
- IV. How to Submit Comments
- V. Presentation on the Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project
- VI. Public Testimony
- VII. Announcements and Adjournment

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# Format and Ground Rules

- 1. Presentation of the Proposal
- 2. Answer Top Questions
  - Turn in written questions (yellow half-sheet)
  - See DHHL website for full list of questions and answers
- 3. Receive Testimony
  - Sign up to testify (till 8:30 pm)
  - Please limit oral testimony to 3 minutes

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# How to Submit Testimony

- Oral testimonies at this public hearing
- Written comments may be handed in at this public hearing or mailed to:  
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- Online through our website at [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov)
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Please submit your comments by  
Friday, August 21, 2015

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# Presentation on the Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project



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# Chronology of Events—Wind Project

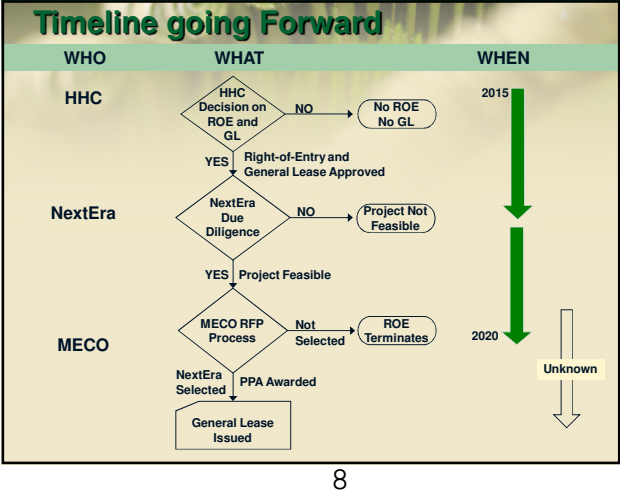
Jan 13, 2013	HHC authorizes direct negotiations with potential renewable energy developers on Island of Maui
Jan 18, 2013	Legal notice requesting letters of interest to develop renewable energy projects at Kahikinui, Pulehunui, and Honokowai
Jan 31-Feb 4, 2013	Meetings held with Maui homestead leaders
Feb. 1, 2013	11 Letters of Interest to develop solar, wind, and biofuel/biomass projects submitted for Kahikinui; 4 were wind projects
Mar 20-21, 2013	HHC holds 2 Public Hearings on the development of renewable energy projects at Kahikinui, Pulehunui, and Honokowai. Attendees did not support development at Pulehunui and Honokowai but were open to options at Kahikinui as long as it directly benefitted Kahikinui lessees.

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Chronology of Events (continued)	
July 12, 2013	Public Utilities Commission (PUC) issues orders delaying HECO's issuance of RFPs for renewable energy; uncertainty delays selection of developers
Nov 12, 2014	Kahikinui wind proposals evaluated by staff and energy consultants—2 proposals were selected for further negotiations.
Jan 16, 2015	NextEra selected as the finalist for direct negotiations on the wind project
May 23, 2015	Beneficiary Consultation with Kahikinui community
July 13, 2015	Informational meeting for Maui beneficiaries to prepare for Public Hearings

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**Why is DHHL supporting development of a wind energy project at Kahikinui?**

- ✓ Excellent wind resource
- ✓ Provides a revenue stream for the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust
- ✓ Develops a renewable energy resource for Maui County
- ✓ Provides a financial resource for the impacted community at Kahikinui

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**Why is DHHL supporting NextEra to develop a wind energy project at Kahikinui?**

- ✓ Best offer in terms of Lease Rent
- ✓ Best offer of Community Benefits
- ✓ Project is NOT dependent on the undersea cable
- ✓ Project will produce up to 60MW which will be used to meet Maui Island demand
- ✓ Company was responsive to community recommendations to move turbines out of their view, to the Southeast side

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**Outline of Proposal**

*Presented by Mr. Anthony Pedroni  
Director, Business Development  
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC*

**WHO:**

- Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC, an affiliate of NextEra Energy, Inc., a Florida corporation

**Note:** NextEra Energy Resources, LLC submitted the original proposal in 2013.

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**Outline of Proposal (continued)**

**WHO:**

- NextEra Energy Resources is the largest generator of wind and solar projects in North America.
- Projects located in 25 states and Canada.
- 11,000 MW of wind and 780 MW of solar in operation

**WHAT:**

- Up to 60 MW wind energy project
- 20 wind turbines, each generating 3MW of energy

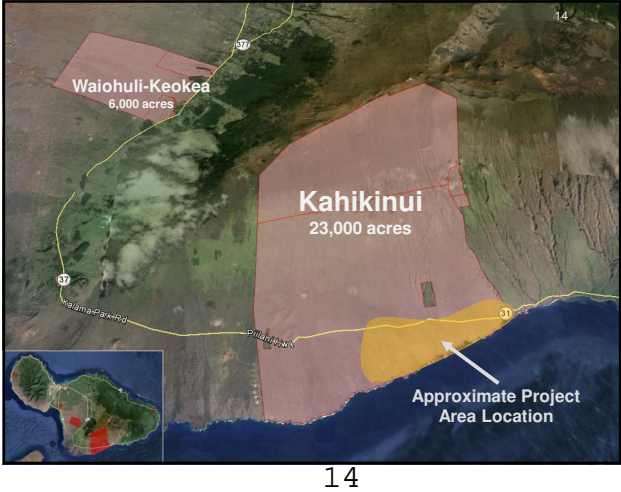
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Outline of Proposal (continued)

WHERE:

- Southeastern portion of DHHL's land at Kahikinui (Manawainui ahupua'a)
- 500 acres to be used during construction and as buffer area
- Only 30 acres will ultimately be used for roads and wind turbine pads
- Issues related to water access, impact on homesteaders, as well as engineering viability affect specific siting.

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Outline of Proposal (continued)

WHERE:

- The exact location to be determined following due diligence work, including:
  - ✓ Cultural/archaeological studies to identify sensitive areas and sites to avoid
  - ✓ Wind analysis
  - ✓ Environmental studies
  - ✓ Engineering assessment, including geotechnical work to evaluate soil and bedrock conditions

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Outline of Proposal (continued)

HOW:

*Note: Some financial information cannot be shared; otherwise, when MECO's RFP is issued, other bidders will have an unfair advantage knowing what NextEra offered DHHL.*

- Right-of-Entry (ROE) permit and General Lease being negotiated at the same time
- ROE permit at \$175,000/year for 3 years to conduct due diligence work.
  - ✓ 2 one-year options to extend at \$200,000/year

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Outline of Proposal (continued)

HOW:

- General Lease for 20 years, to begin when the wind project can deliver power to the power grid.
  - ✓ Option to extend for 5 years at the same lease rent
  - ✓ Lease rent will be finalized after a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is executed with the utility company

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Outline of Proposal (continued)

HOW:

- Community benefits package of minimum \$300,000/year
- Lease rent and community benefits depends on the price of energy that the utility company buys from wind project
- Price of energy and the size of the project is unknown until the utility company selects NextEra's wind project in a competitive process and the PPA is finalized

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**Summary**

The Kahikinui Wind Energy Project:

- Does NOT depend on an undersea cable to Oahu
- Does NOT depend on the NextEra-HECO merger
- Brings the greatest amount of money to DHHL, at the earliest possible date
- Provides significant community benefits as well as long-term cash stream to DHHL for its beneficiaries
- Has a high probability of success; it does not rely on 3<sup>rd</sup> party financing

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**What's Next?**

- HHC Discussion with Counsel on proprietary elements of the proposal in August, 2015
- Beneficiary Consultation and Public Hearing Report submitted to HHC in September, 2015
- Decision on Whether or Not to Proceed with ROE and General Lease in November, 2015

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**TOP QUESTIONS**

- From your written questions submitted on yellow sheets
- Full list of Questions and Answers will be posted on our website

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**INDIVIDUAL TESTIMONIES**

- Sign-in sheet to Testify
- As a courtesy to others, please limit oral comments to 3 minutes – there is no limit on written testimonies
- Commissioners are here to listen; they will not be responding to your comments
- Other ways to comment: online, email, mail

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**COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT  
FROM DHHL WEBSITE OR VIA EMAIL**

**From:** Kanani Kapuniai]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:26 AM

**Subject:** Proposed Wind Energy Project in Kahukinui

Good Morning:

- A. Important missing information – MAPS.  
Stating the “Southeastern portion of DHHL land in Kahikihui region” IS INSUFFICIENT.  
Please prepare and issue at least two, TODAY, through your web site!!!
  - 1) All Kahikinui Lands, designating
    - a) Lands under Beneficiary Homestead Leases
    - b) Lands under Forestry and organizations with what kuleana
    - c) Lands under General Lease/Revocable Permit/Right of Entry and any other land disposition instrument; to what organization(s) or individual(s) ie. Haleakala Ranch? Ulupalakua Ranch?
  - 2) Kahikinui with enlarged inset encompassing proposed area being considered for study and ultimate installation. What will the beneficiary lessees be looking at?
- B. Important missing information - No mention of Kahikinui Lessees to be provided electricity.  
Where will the power generated be distributed to?
- C. No mention of the Kahikinui lessees who have been directly involved with initial deliberation, their input, and their desires for the community benefits and how those benefits are to be administered; more importantly, how lessee beneficiaries will be included in the construction and operation of the facility.

What community is being served by the current Wind Power Generating Company?

Yes, Kahikinui got a community benefits package – improved access to a certain point. . . .

Not enough due diligence for the beneficiaries who are the stewards, way out there.

Thank you,

M Kapuniai

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7/11/15

Subject: wind project proposed for DHHL land in Kahikinui

Aloha Ms. Cachola,

Please do NOT allow any more windmills on this side of the island. Instead, build it in Kahului, next to the HC&S coal burning power plant or next to the Puunene Landfill.

The southeast side of Maui should be left as is. It is one of the last pristine areas on Maui that has not been developed. Please keep it that way.

The existing wind mills at Kahikinui should NOT have been allowed.

There is no benefit to the residents of Maui. Our electric bill continues to escalate. Even at 100 percent renewable energy, the consumers will still pay through the nose.

Nextera stands to make millions while DHLL makes peanuts. It is not in the best interest of the people of Maui and Hawaii. Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono.

Malama Pono,

Paul Hanada

Kula, Maui, Hawaii

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7/14/15

To:DHHL Planning

Name: Alexander Ross

Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Message:

It is essential that the deal include a paved road that provides easy access to ALL the lessees' lots, including those at the highest elevation. Mahalo!

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7/14/15

To:HHC Secretary

Name: Malia Benz-Marrs

Subject: To Commission Chair Masagatani

Aloha,

My name is Malia Benz-Marrs, I am a resident in Kahikinui. (Chad and Harry's daughter) I just wanted to say that Julie Cachola and William Aila did a great job last night in Paukukalo. I could not imagine having to be in their position. Thank you!

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7/15/15

To: DHHL Planning

Name: Annell Kanekoa

Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Message:

What is this wind energy project about? Where will it be located, and why wind when there are other alternatives? If Maui is a tourist destination why not keep Maui aesthetically beautiful. Windmills do not enhance the beauty of our island for residents as well. There is current energy in the ocean and other unimposing alternatives. I am not for another wind project. But, I am for alternative energy.

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7/22/15

To:DHHL Planning

Name: Gregory K. Kauwe

Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Message:

The Kahikinui wind energy project is good for the Hawaiian people especially if the revenues are used to advance the cause of native Hawaiians. Having said this, I would propose that a pumped storage facility be installed in conjunction with this project if the terrain along this coastline can accommodate this type of installation. Pumped storage technology would better serve the community because firm renewable electrical power is hard to come by. I believe this approach would be supported by all sectors of the community because it would be an efficient way of using wind and water energy.

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7/27/15

To:DHHL Planning

Name:Jon Hoku Irvine

Subject:2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Message:

I am against the windmills in Kahikinui on Hawaiian Home Lands. Why build a new wind farm in Kahikinui? Kahe awa windfarm above ma'alaea is dumping energy generated by the wind. Why build a new windfarm. And also, Hawaiian Homes is for the Hawaiians. 'A'ole Kahikinui!

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7/30/15

Gordean Bailey wrote:

Aloha Julie. Thank you for this opportunity.

The Honorable David Ige, Governor Jobie Yamaguchi, Chair, Hawaiian Homes Commission  
Members Hawaiian Homes Commission

As lessees of Kahikinui, we would like to thank NexTera for considering our "special district" coastline for their windmill project.

Kahikinui is 22,500 acres of Hawaiian Homelands on the South slope of Haleakala. It is the Most intact pristine moku of all Hawaiian lands with myriad ancient archeological sites and native flora and fauna.

Because it is so special a place it is our desire to help keep it that way and therefore we propose the following:

- 1) In the context of community we request seats on the wind project planning commission
- 2) Of the twenty wind turbines we request one be deeded to the Kahikinui Community to generate energy and to pump water from a well to service the homestead area.
- 3) In addition, NexTera will provide underground transmission lines throughout the community
- 4) Also, NexTera will provide 20' roads thru out the community concurrent with the Installing of the transmission lines.
- 5) Then, after five years of operation the community shares in the revenue generated by the turbines. Such percentage to be determined before lease is signed.
- 6). Under no circumstances will the use of nuclear energy be acceptable in the windmill project.
- 7) Finally, when NexTera's lease terminates they must clean and remove all Facilities not needed at the project area.

Mahalo for your consideration to this matter,

Gordean L. Bailey

Heather DeFries

Donovan Wong

Lessees

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8/12/15

To: DHHL Planning

Name: christian

Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Message:

Aloha my name is Christian Keli'i Lum and I am not a beneficiary. I have the honor of being able to live and take care of my homelands. I have been out reforesting trees in Kahikinui for 4 years now and learning about my kupuna and how they would use these lands. The forest that once flourished from mountain to sea is no more. The bottom line is that the forest needs our help, rare trees, rare insects, and rare ferns and animals all have a role to play. Just like my kupuna and the land. We understand that the land is chief meaning we take the chief the chief will take care of us. The site where the proposed giant fans are going is where a lot of kupuna lived, played, ate, slept, hunt, fish, and most of all prayed. There are hundreds of archaeological sites from homes to heiau. My ancestors will be furious if this goes thru. To me it's the same as putting solar panels on the Sistine Chapel nobody would ever do that. Sorry but get enough wind already out there we don't need big fans to blow some more. All this is for money stop thinking in a money mind set please.

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8/14/15

To: DHHL Planning

Name: Le'amohala Family

Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Hi, : )

We are homesteading lot 101 toward the top of the mountain at Kahikinui. I went to one of the NextEra meetings to hear what this wind project is all about. I heard that NextEra would like to build the windmills on the ocean side of the road which seemed to cause a ruckus among community members because that is their fishing access way. NextEra said they would put the power lines under the ground and guide them all the way up and over the mountain. If they are going to lead the power lines over the mountain why not build the wind mills at the top of the mountain so the power lines have less way to go? Also this would ensure that Kahikinui people get a good road to the top, which is one of the hardest things about homesteading there; the road is so bad. It would also cause less destruction on Kahikinui since they won't be putting the power lines all the way up and across from the ocean side.

I am actually okay with the windmills being there in the area, but in the right place. I would much rather have the windmills behind our ocean view instead of in front of it. It would be less disturbing that way and if NextEra builds and maintains a good road to the top - it would be well worth it to me as long as the people in Kahikinui are safe. Wind power to each of the parcels would be very nice too since the energy will be right there.

Thanks for listening and keeping us updated on the progress.  
The Le'amohala Family



*[Additional comments from the same beneficiary]*

Aloha Allen and Julie-Ann,

We are homesteading lot 101 at the top of Kahikinui and want to start bringing materials up there to build a home... These last couple weeks we have tried two different times to get to our plot with a lifted toyota 4wheel drive truck. Both times we have gotten stuck at an impassable portion of the road so we literally cannot homestead our land.

We would be thrilled at the possibility of the road being finished to the top of Kahikinui and are fine with windmills being there as long as they are not directly in the ocean view. We appreciate the alternative wind energy coming to Maui as it is more sustainable and healthy for the earth.

To us, the road is the most important thing because as it sits now we are incapable of even getting to our home. **Please let the commission know that we are a strong vote YES to have the sustainably minded wind energy NextEra windmills at Kahikinui and we hope that finishing the road to the top of the plots will be first priority so we can start building and homesteading. I'm sure there are many others who feel the same way and have given up, for the most part, on homesteading because it is just impossible for most. We tried years ago to start homesteading and now have begun to try again. We would like to be able to get up to our home.**

Talking with some who have been there for years, they say they have already gone through 17 four-wheel drive trucks and if you homestead up there you absolutely need 2 four-wheel drive trucks in order to be able to rescue yourself when you break down because you WILL break down since the road is so bad.

Alternative energy to the homesteads would be nice as well, but honestly, if they can just put the road in to the top we would be happy with that.

I was at one of the meetings for the wind energy and I also emailed through this site when the site was accepting feedback but I just really want to stress how important it is for us who live there to have a road we can actually reach our homes with.

Thank you for your time,  
Brook, Home & Koa Le'amohala

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8/18/15

To: DHHL Planning

Name: Patrick V. Kirch

Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Message:

As an archaeologist who has conducted extensive research in Kahikinui, I am concerned about the potential impact to archaeological and cultural sites. I would appreciate being included in any future consultations regarding the Kahikinui wind energy project. I have also expressed my concerns directly in a letter to the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Mahalo nui,

Patrick V. Kirch, Chancellor's Professor Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720

Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Message:

Aloha , my name is graf and I would like to state that enough of the hawaiian homeland has been exploited for profits and the kehikinui area should NOT be developed for wind energy. Kehikinui is near my home in hana and many others do not want this industrial implant to destroy the hawaiian homeland environment any more than it is . I hope you consider our opinions. Mahalo nui loa

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8/3/15

Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Aloha,

I am writing to oppose the proposed Kahikinui wind farm. Bigger is not always better for Maui. By the time this expensive and invasive project is ready to generate electricity there will be plenty of other low-cost options on the market to include: small but powerful residential windmills, affordable rooftop solar, micro-grids, home battery systems, and an array of storage options.

The future of energy is not about large wind farms and big mainland corporations. It is about small scale, locally owned and operated power generation. This is the future of Maui as well. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Debra Greene, PhD

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Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Aloha Kakou. Please see attached file

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Thank you.

Foster Ampong

koe na kuleana o kanaka

Waiehu, Maui

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July 16, 2015

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Ms. Julie-Ann Cachola,

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Foster Ampong  
koe na kuleana o kanaka  
Waiehu, Maui

July 17, 2015

To: Jobi Masagatani, Chairperson  
Hawaiian Homes Commission and  
Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Hale Kalaniana'ole  
91-5420 Kapolei Parkway  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

From: Foster Ampong  
58 Ho'ola Hou Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
Phone: 760-8158  
Email: kekahunakeaweii@yahoo.com

Subject: "Beneficiary Consultation Report"

"DHHL Consultation With Kahikinui Beneficiaries" AGENDA for the "Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project" held on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the Waiohuli Community Center, Kula, Maui

DHHL "Informational Meeting" AGENDA held on Monday, July 13, 2015 at the Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Center.

Complaint: OMISSION on the DHHL "Informational Meeting" AGENDA dated July, 13, 2015 of Information on the "DHHL Consultation With Kahikinui Beneficiaries" AGENDA dated May 23, 2015.

Aloha Chairperson, Masagatani,

I am bringing to your attention a serious and troubling matter that adversely impacts all Hawaiian Home Land Beneficiaries and inherently further erodes public trust and confidence in those mandated to manage and fulfill the 1921 Hawaiian Homes Act Beneficiary Trust as required by law.

Attached are two (2) items.

- A. "Attachment A" is the Agenda handed out to those attending the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands "Informational Meeting" at Paukukalo Hawaiian Homestead Community Center on July 13, 2015.



- B. "Attachment B" is the Agenda for the "DHHL Consultation With Kahikinui Beneficiaries Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project" held on "Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the Waiohuli Community Center, Kula, Maui"
- C. "Attachment C" is the Meeting Notice sent to Maui Island Beneficiaries.
- D. "Attachment B" Item 5 – D. "Jul 20: HHC Meeting in Kapolei: Accept Beneficiary Consultation Report"
- E. Please clarify and provide me with a copy of this "Beneficiary Consultation Report" that apparently will be submitted to the Hawaiian Homes Commission on Monday, July 20, 2015.

As you will note, the printed informational handed out to the beneficiaries and those non-beneficiary public attending the "Informational Meeting" at Paukukalo on July 13, 2015 was given an Agenda with a significant amount of omitted information that was on the "DHHL Consultation With Kahikinui Beneficiaries Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project" Agenda held on "Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the Waiohuli Community Center, Kula, Maui"

Most notable the omissions that caught many of our attention were page 3 of "Attachment B".

#### **5. NEXT STEPS**

- A. May 23: Beneficiary Consultation with Kahikinui beneficiaries
- B. June 23: Beneficiary Consultation comment deadline
- C. End of June: Islandwide Beneficiary Informational Briefing on Maui
- D. July 20: HHC meeting in Kapolei: Accept Beneficiary Consultation Report
- E. End of July: Two (2) Public Hearings and HHC decision-making on Maui

**Submit Questions/Comments to: Julie-Ann Cachola at [julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov](mailto:julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov) or by mail at: P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, HI 96805. More information on our website at: [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov)**

(The above Screen Shot taken from your department's [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov) website on the evening of July 13, 2015)

In "Attachment A" you will notice the omissions under sections "V. Next" of the above photo from the May 23, 2015 "DHHL Consultation With Kahikinui Beneficiaries Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project" Agenda handed to

#### **IV. The Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**

#### **V. Next Steps**

#### **VI. Questions and Answers**

(The above photo inserted for your purview taken from page 1 of 2 "Agenda handed out to beneficiaries and those non-beneficiary public attending the "Informational Meeting" at Paukukalo on July 13, 2015. See full page in "Attachment A")

Another concern is the Agenda Heading on July 13, 2015 Paukukalo Meeting that has it titled "DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION"



DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS  
BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

Ma'i ko kākou mana'o, e hālua no kākou  
*From our ideas, we flourish*

**BENEFICIARY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
on the  
**PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**  
Paukūkalo Community Center  
July 13, 2015 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

...though the Heading on this Agenda is identified as a department "Beneficiary Consultation Meeting" below this heading it states "BENEFICIARY INFORMATIONAL MEETING on the PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT"(???)This does not promote trust and confidence though it does confuse the subject matter, to say the least.

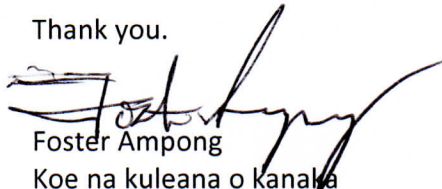
Furthermore, as reported, Deputy Chair, William Aila, Jr. stated the meeting was not a "Beneficiary Consultation" Meeting, but instead only an informational meeting; leaving Beneficiaries and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands with ONLY the Kahikinui "Beneficiary Consultation Meeting" of May 23, 2015.

To date, there has been NO OTHER "Beneficiary Consultation" held on Maui.

Chair, Masagatani, It strongly appears the department has engaged in dividing the Kahikinui Beneficiaries from the rest of the Island-wide Hawaiian Home Land Beneficiary Communities on Maui; pitting Beneficiaries of one homestead community AGAINST all other Beneficiaries communities throughout Maui and inherently those beneficiaries on the DHHL Waiting list.

Chair, Masagatani, please address these egregious mismanagement by the department and implement substantive remedies for the all Hawaiian Home Land Beneficiaries.

Thank you.



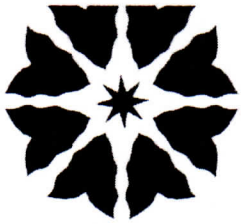
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Koe na kuleana o Kanaka  
Wailuku, Maui, HI



Agenda Handed Out to Attendees at Department of Hawaiian  
Home Lands “Informational Meeting” held at Paukukalo  
Hawaiian Homestead Community Center on July 13, 2015

(Not including this cover page – 2 pages)

Attachment A



DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS  
BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

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on the  
**PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**  
Paukūkalo Community Center  
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**AGENDA**

- I. **Opening Pule and Welcome**
- II. **Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:**
  - A. At its Regular Meeting on August 17 and 18 at the Lahaina Civic Center, the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) will decide whether or not to issue a 20-year General Lease (GL) for up to 25 years, and an initial Right-of-Entry (ROE) Permit, for up to 5 years, to Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC, an affiliate of NextEra Energy, Inc., to plan, design, construct, own and operate a Wind Energy Project at Kahikinui. The construction and operation of the project requires a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) from MECO and although the timeframe for this is unknown, approval/execution of the GL and ROE would start payments to the Trust and would allow the company to compete for the PPA on a timely basis.
  - B. The HHC will hold (2) public hearings at the Paukūkalo Community Center to hear your comments. Testify at the hearing that best suits your schedule:
    1. Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; OR
    2. Thursday, July 30, 2014 from 10:00 am to Noon
  - C. Tonight's Informational Meeting is intended to help beneficiaries develop their testimonies by providing:
    1. Background information on Kahikinui;
    2. Information about the Wind Energy Project; and
    3. A Question and Answer session
- III. **Background Information**
  - A. The Moku of Kahikinui
  - B. Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui
  - C. Chronology of Events-Wind Energy Project
  - D. Selection of NextEra's Proposal
- IV. **The Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project**
- V. **Next Steps**
- VI. **Questions and Answers**

**How to Submit Comments:**

1. Submit oral comments at one of the Public Hearings
2. Submit written comments at one of the Public Hearingd
3. Comments may be submitted online through our website at [dhhf.hawaii.gov](http://dhhf.hawaii.gov)
4. Comments may be submitted via email at [dhhf.planning@hawaii.gov](mailto:dhhf.planning@hawaii.gov)
5. Comments may be mailed to: DHHL Planning Office, P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96805.

**The deadline for submitting comments is Thursday, August 6, 2015.**

**For more information, please see information on the "Proposed Wind Energy Project at Kahikinui" on our website ([dhhf.hawaii.gov](http://dhhf.hawaii.gov)).**

Agenda Handed Out to Attendees at Department of Hawaiian  
Home Lands "DHHL Consultation With Kahikinui Beneficiary  
Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project" held at Waiohuli  
Hawaiian Homestead Community Center, Kula, Maui on May  
23, 2015

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**Attachment B**





## DHHL CONSULTATION WITH KAHIKINUI BENEFICIARIES

### PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND PROJECT

Waiohuli Community Center, Kula, Maui  
Saturday, May 23, 2015 • 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

#### AGENDA

1. Purpose of this meeting
2. Background Information
3. Important Things to Know
4. The Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project
5. Next Steps

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

- Present the major components of the proposed wind project at Kahikinui.
- Get input from Kahikinui beneficiaries on the project.

#### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

##### A. Why is DHHL supporting the development of a wind energy project at Kahikinui?

- ✓ Excellent wind resource.
- ✓ The project provides a revenue stream for the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust
- ✓ The project develops an alternative renewable energy resource for Maui County
- ✓ The project provides a financial resource for the impacted community at Kahikinui

##### B. What has taken place to-date?

DATE	PROCESS/DECISION
Jan 13, 2013	HHC authorized direct negotiations with potential renewable energy developers on the Island of Maui.
Jan 18, 2013	DHHL published a Legal Notice to invite interested parties to submit a Letter of Interest to develop renewable energy at Kahikinui, Pulehunui, and/or Honokowai.
Jan 31-Feb 4, 2013	Briefing meetings with homestead leaders
Feb 1, 2013	Eleven (11) proposals, including solar, wind and biofuel projects were submitted for Kahikinui. Out of the eleven (11), four (4) were wind projects.
March 20, 2013 March 21, 2013	Two (2) Public Hearings on Maui in Paukukalo (Beneficiaries did not support renewable energy development at Pulehunui and Honokowai, but were open to options at Kahikinui.)
July 12, 2013	The Public Utility Commission (PUC) issued orders delaying HECO's issuance of the RFP and also delaying selection of developers for the Maui Renewable Project.
Nov 12, 2014	The four (4) wind proposals were evaluated by staff and energy experts. Two (2) top proposals were selected for further negotiations.
Jan 16, 2015	NextEra selected as the finalist to go into direct negotiations for the wind project.



### **3. IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW**

- HECO's Request for Proposals (RFP) has been on hold since July, 2013; PUC required changes
- The undersea cable has also been on hold since July 2013 pending the PUC's investigation on whether the cable was in the public interest.
- To be ready to bid when the RFP is issued in the future, NextEra needs to secure the land in advance and perform its due diligence and investigation to confirm that the location selected will produce the energy expected
- NextEra's wind project is NOT dependent on the undersea cable
- For confidentiality purposes, some financial information cannot be shared at this time; otherwise, when HECO's RFP is issued, NextEra's competitors will have the advantage of submitting proposals knowing what NextEra offered DHHL

### **4. THE PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND PROJECT**

#### **A. WHO:**

- NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc., a Florida corporation), submitted the proposal
- Actual developer will be Boulevard Associates, a Delaware LLC (an affiliate of NextEra Energy, Inc.)

#### **B. WHAT:**

- Construction of a proposed 60 MW wind project
- Approximately 20 wind turbines
- Each turbine generates about 3 MW of energy

#### **C. WHERE:**

- Southeastern portion of DHHL land in Kahikinui region
- Exact location to be determined following NextEra's due diligence and investigation period of three years to perform:
  - Cultural field studies to identify sensitive areas and sites to avoid
  - Environmental studies
  - Wind analysis, including installing on-site monitoring equipment
  - Engineering assessment--drilling to evaluate soil and bedrock conditions

#### **D. HOW MUCH LAND NEEDED:**

- 500 acres to be used during construction and as buffer area
- About only 30 acres will ultimately be used for roads and turbine pads

#### **E. WHEN:**

- Due diligence and investigation period begins upon execution of Right-of-Entry (ROE) for three (3) years
- Option to extend ROE for two one-year periods
- ROE to be converted to 20-year General Lease when wind project can deliver power to the power grid
- Option to extend General Lease for another five (5) years



**F. FINANCIAL OFFER:**

- ROE Fee: \$175,000 per year for three (3) years.
- ROE Extension: \$200,000 per year for two (2) one-year extensions, if needed.
- 20-year General Lease; rent is finalized after PPA executed with electric company
- Option to extend General Lease an additional five (5) years, if needed, at same rent
- Community benefits package estimated to be around \$300,000 per year. Amount to be finalized after PPA with electric company is executed.
- Both lease rent figures and community benefits package depend on the price of the energy that the electric company buys from the wind project.
- Price of the energy and the ultimate size of the project are unknown until the electric company selects NextEra's wind project and the PPA is finalized

**5. NEXT STEPS**

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| A. | May 23:      | Beneficiary Consultation with Kahikinui beneficiaries          |
| B. | June 23:     | Beneficiary Consultation comment deadline                      |
| C. | End of June: | Islandwide Beneficiary Informational Briefing on Maui          |
| D. | July 20:     | HHC meeting in Kapolei: Accept Beneficiary Consultation Report |
| E. | End of July: | Two (2) Public Hearings and HHC decision-making on Maui        |

**Submit Questions/Comments to: Julie-Ann Cachola at [julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov](mailto:julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov) or by mail at: P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, HI 96805. More information on our website at: [dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov)**

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is seeking feedback from Maui beneficiaries and the general public on an alternative energy wind project being proposed by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, to be located on Hawaiian home lands in Kahikinui, Maui.

To provide comments, beneficiaries may fill out the feedback form below. Be sure to select **“2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project”** from the pull-down menu in the subject field.

Feedback is also being collected by the DHHL Planning Office:

1. via email at **[dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov](mailto:dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov)**
2. via phone at **[\(808\)620-9480](tel:(808)620-9480)**
3. or in writing by mailing a letter addressed to the  
**DHHL Planning Office**  
**P.O. Box 1879**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96805**

Again, please be sure to include the term **“2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project”** in the subject field of your email or letter.

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands “Informational Meeting”

Notice Mailed to Maui Beneficiaries

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Attachment C



# Learn more about the proposed Kahikinui wind energy project

## Informational Meeting

Monday, July 13, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## Public Hearing #1

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## Public Hearing #2

Thursday, July 30, 2015, 10 a.m. - Noon

*All meetings to be held at the Paukūkalo Community Center  
657 Kaumuali'i Street, Wailuku, Maui 96793*



**HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES



To: **Hawaiian Home Lands Commission**

From: Prof. Dick Mayer [dickmayer@earthlink.net](mailto:dickmayer@earthlink.net)

RE: **Testimony on the Proposed Kahikinui Wind Farm**

HHC Item No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_  
Date **July 29, 2015**

1. Unclear to the public whether the figures and information provided in the "Informational Meeting" was already formally approved by the HHL staff+department, by the HHL Commission, or by neither. **If there is already an agreement, to what degree can it be modified at the mid-August meeting with revised right-of entry fees? Annual lease payments? With conditions?**

2. Will the beneficiaries and the public be able to read the proposed final agreement before the mid-August HHL Commission meeting? Otherwise public testimony at that meeting may be irrelevant.

3. **Multiple HHL Commission considerations:**

- a. **Maximize financial and other benefits** to HHL and its beneficiaries
- b. **Pono use of resources** (land, environment, cultural sites, the locally affected community, etc.)
- c. Being assured of the **long-term operational and financial viability** of this windfarm operation
- d. Overall effect of the project on **Maui's energy needs**
- e. Recognition of the **one-time nature of this decision** and its long-term impacts

4. **Two separate dimensions**

- a. HHL Board is obligated to **get maximum benefits** for HHL and its beneficiaries
- b. HHL Board will need to decide on the proper **distribution of benefits**
  - i. **Kahikinui community + beneficiaries** who suffer the project impacts and thus pay the costs
  - ii. **Existing HHL Maui beneficiaries** who wish to see their community improved
  - iii. **New Maui beneficiaries** who wish to gain homes
  - iv. **Statewide HHL beneficiaries**
  - v. Overhead costs to support **HHL operations** and its bureaucracy

5. **Seek out additional proposals** by allowing for multiple, competitive "Rights of Entry (ROE)" and subsequent proposals a few years later..

6. **Seek out and utilize unbiased, superior financial and legal expertise.**

Have the potential lease applicants pay to HHL a fee high enough to contract for this expertise.



Aloha planing comission (2015 proposed kahikinui windmill project maui)

Please do not build this wind farm on our sacred aina, this kahikinui kaupo area is very special to us

it is one of the last areas we have with no modern structures to take away the historical and natural

beauty, these windmills are no different than hotels, telescopes, skyscrapers they destroy the aina and make us sick to our stomach, I witness auwahi wind mill come up one by one, it tore me up inside

this area is a very spiritual area and is sacred to us, it is magical it makes you think of how it was in the old

days. this area should be preserved forever and building kept as low profile as possible, there are places

to build and not to build windmills this is definitely not the place to build, money can't replace the aina

please do not desecrate it for us and future generations and the kapuna of the past, their voice is the most important

of all you think they would approve of this? we are the caretakers of the aina, hawaiian homelands should be protecting

the aina from this very thing, I know your intent is to help hawaiians get on the land, but what you are taking away is unacceptable

to all hawaiians, I speak for all real hawaiians past present and future, please stop this mistake from happening.

aloha john twist sr. hanai (kahunanui ohana, nuu maui)



July 16, 2015

To: **Hawaiian Homes Commission**  
**Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**  
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Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

From: Jade Alohalani Smith  
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Kaupo, Maui, HI

Attention: Julie-ann Cahola, DHHL Planner

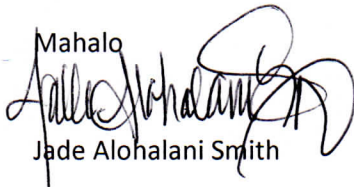
Subject: 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project

Aloha Ms. Cachola,

My name is Jade Alohalani Smith of Kaupo Maui. As a Hawaiian Homes Beneficiary, I am writing to you regarding the 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project and the submitting by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands of the "Beneficiary Consultation Report" to the Hawaiian Homes Commission at the July 20, 2015 meeting at Kapolei, Oahu.

Consultation with Island-wide Maui Beneficiaries has not been conducted. Apparently DHHL reportedly has had only one consultation with beneficiaries on May 23, 2015 at Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Center at Kula, Maui.

Before any "Beneficiaries Consultation Report" is submitted to the Hawaiian Homes Commission for acceptance beneficiary consultation Island-wide must be held.

Mahalo  
  
Jade Alohalani Smith

July 17, 2015

Aloha Ms. Julie-Ann Cachola,

My name is Michele Hoopii. I am a Hawaiian Homes Beneficiary Lessee at Waiehu Kou Phase III on the island of Maui. I am submitting my concerns regarding the 2015 Proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy Project as follows:

1. Why are Hawaiian Home lands being leased to private corporations superseding the necessities of Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries who have not received homestead lands?
2. Why are Hawaiian Home lands NOT being offered for lease to those of Hawaiian ancestry who are not able to prove 50% blood quantum but can prove Hawaiian lineage before 1778? Those who do not qualify for Hawaiian Homes but are of Hawaiian ancestry should have first preference to lease lands over outside investors.
3. A total of 500 acres has been set aside for the proposed Kahikinui Wind Energy project with an estimated 30 acres to be used for the turbine pads/roads. Will the remaining unused Hawaiian Homes lands be made available to the Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries currently waiting for homestead land?
4. Will any monetary allotments from the lease of the Kahikinui Hawaiian Home lands be apportioned for pending or future homestead infrastructures here on Maui?
5. Clarify what is the "Beneficiary Consultation Report" the Department of Hawaiian Home Land is giving to the Hawaiian Homes Commission at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at Kapolei, Oahu. A copy should be provided to ALL Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries or posted to [www.dhhl.hawaii.gov](http://www.dhhl.hawaii.gov) for review.
6. Will Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries be consulted during the Cultural Field Studies and the Environmental Studies for the proposed Kahikinui project?
7. What is the "community benefits package" referenced in the Financial Offer bullet "Both lease rent figures and community benefits package depend on the price of the energy that the electric company buys from the wind project"?
8. Will Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries, current and waiting lessees, have discounted energy rates from the Kahikinui Wind Energy Project?
9. How will this project be affected if the merger between Hawaiian Electric Company and NextEra takes place?

Mahalo,



Michele Hoopii  
Waiehu Kou Phase III  
Waiehu, Maui

## Kahikinui Presentation Outline

Aloha,  
Introduction of BOD.

Pres. Harry Newman  
Vice Pres. Ainoa Kaiaokamalie  
secretary. Charmain Day  
treasurer. Aimoku Pali  
directors:  
Earl Mo Moler  
Kaleo Cullen  
James Abraham

Welcome to DHHL and Nextera representatives.

Our Ohana joined Ka Ohana O Kahikinui in 1994. Our motto is "how can we help you, help us, help you." This statement remains today and has generated much results.

In the times spent with the Ka Ohana O Kahikinui much has been accomplished. We were entrusted with the Moku of Kahikinui and given the privilege of managing 23,000 acres. Much of our community based development has been designed with the assistance of, "Ka Ohana O Kahikinui Community based Economic Development and Makai Management Plan Moku of Kahikinui." This publication was developed by the department of urban and regional planning, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu Hi. Practicum fall 1999. Another publication we aspire to and helped extensively to develop is "Na Mea Kahiko o Kahikinui. Studies in the Archaeology of Kahikinui, Maui. By: Patrick V. Kirch editor. These publications are available through our DHHL representatives and sum up our development plan.

Although times have changed we as a community continue to move forward and grow with great expectations. Living here in Kahikinui has its rewards and its challenges. Roads, Water, Jobs, Schools, are a few to mention.

Eco tourism is one answer to prosperity here in kahikinui. We hope to form partnerships with those who would help share our dream of being self sufficient, and help our effort to preserve and perpetuate the cultural legacy of Kahikinui.

As a resident of Kahikinui since July 15, 1999, we have seen much advancement in the areas of most concern. We have developed a partnership with Leeward Haleakala watershed restoration project and have successfully fenced and have begun to remove the ungulates and have been reforesting since its inception. Energy, water self sufficiency, road awareness, and community design concepts are at the forefront of our concerns.

We hope to further community based development with the assistance of community planners, and hope to be able to share our resources with other surrounding communities. There is so much to do with so few. We hope that our efforts here today will benefit our future generations in a positive way.

That being said; MAHALO





Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project

H Domingo

to:

julie-ann.cachola

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From: H Domingo <hkdomingo69@gmail.com>

To: julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov,

**Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project**

As the proposed Kahikinui Wind Project seems inevitable, my personal comments on this wind project are as follows:

- 1) The Kahikinui Lessee shall be given the right to travel on the private roadway used to transport the "wind project equipment" to the construction/job site; be it the same road that was used in the previous wind project. This would be a benefit for the Lessee who works in the Kihei or Lahaina areas as it would cut down on the travel time and gas usage to get to work, etc. and back. This usage shall be restricted to the Kahikinui Lessees and his/her immediate family only.
- 2) The Kahikinui Lessee shall be given the right to access the improved roadways used for the wind project construction/job site to the kahakai and back up to Piilani Hwy;
- 3) As with the previous wind project, funds shall be allotted to complete the rest of the concreting of the homestead roadway. This is not the "future" funds, but funds to be received before the "go ahead" is given for this wind project.

Mahalo,

Respectfully submitted by Hannah K Domingo, Kahikinui Lessee; Lot 91.

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Patrick V. Kirch  
Chancellor's Professor Emeritus

July 15, 2015

Chairman Jobie Masagatani  
Hawaiian Homes Commission  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Hale Kalaniana'ole  
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Aloha e Chairman Masagatani:

Let me begin by introducing myself: I am a Hawai'i born and raised kama'āina who has devoted more than five decades to researching the archaeology and ancient history of Hawai'i and other Polynesian islands and their cultures. Beginning in 1995 I commenced a long-term project, with permission from DHHL, to study the archaeology of Kahikinui, Maui. Over the next seventeen years, I spent many long seasons of fieldwork, hiking over the lands of Kahikinui, discovering and recording more than 3,058 individual archaeological features. I have published some 24 scholarly and scientific articles on the results of this intensive research. An overview of our main discoveries was recently presented in my book *Kua'āina Kahiko: Life and Land in Ancient Kahikinui, Maui* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2014). I enclose a copy of this book for you.

I am writing to you today in regard to recent news reports that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has entered into negotiations with NextEra Energy for development of a 60-megawatt windfarm on DHHL lands in Kahikinui, Maui (e.g., <https://www.wind-watch.org/news/2015/07/11/wind-project-proposed-for-dhhl-land-in-kahikinui/>). Obviously, a development of this scale (considerably larger than the recently completed windward on 'Ulupalakua Ranch lands at Auwahi) will have significant impacts on the Kahikinui environment, and no doubt is being vigorously debated by various stakeholders.

My intent in writing to you is to inquire whether—in the earliest possible stages of planning this proposed project—your staff has taken into consideration the likely impact of such a project on the unique archaeological and cultural resources of Kahikinui district. As I document in *Kua'āina Kahiko*, the moku of Kahikinui is one of the very few remaining districts in the Hawaiian archipelago where an entire landscape remains

largely undisturbed. As I write on page 261 of my book: Kahikinui “is one of the few places in the islands where an entire moku can still be viewed, explored, studied, more or less in the state that it has been in for centuries. Its thousands of archaeological sites—*heiau*, *ko’a*, *kauhale*, and garden walls—comprise a vast outdoor museum of life in ancient Hawai’i. In Kahikinui one can still see, not just disjointed fragments of this past time, but how an entire landscape once functioned as an integrated socio-ecosystem.”

I fully appreciate the economic pressures that lay behind the desire to develop wind energy in Kahikinui. But I write to implore you and your fellow Commissioners not to let economic considerations alone drive the decision-making process. Kahikinui is truly a unique region within Hawai’i, not only for its incredibly rich archaeology but also for its geology, its dryland forests, its expansive landscapes. I would hope that in the decision making process to come, you will take these resources into full consideration along with economic factors. Once the unique ‘āina malo’o of Kahikinui has been altered, the change will be irreversible.

I also write to let you know that I am prepared to share the considerable knowledge that I have accumulated regarding the archaeological sites of Kahikinui with your staff. Many of your staff members do know of my work, and it is troubling to me that although plans have obviously been moving forward with regard to the windfarm project, no one from DHHL has approached me for my mana’o as to how such a project might impact the archaeological landscape, or how such impacts might be minimized or mitigated. I stress once again that I have acquired detailed information on more than 3,000 archaeological sites which I would be happy to share. I can readily be contacted at kirch@berkeley.edu.

In closing, I will simply reiterate what I’m sure you and your fellow Commissioners are fully aware of—that you face a momentous decision whose consequences will be far-reaching and irreversible. I urge you to take the time necessary to weigh fully and equally all of the benefits, impacts, and consequences of whatever decision you reach.

Malama pono,

Patrick V. Kirch  
Chancellor’s Professor Emeritus of Anthropology  
& Integrative Biology

Cc: Julie-Ann Cachola, DHHL Planning

Encl: *Kua’āina Kahiko*

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From:

**'Aha Moku o Wailuku**  
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July 27, 2015

**DHHL Consultation with Kahikinui Beneficiaries  
Proposed Kahikinui NextEra Wind Project**

Aloha,

In a general meeting of the Wailuku Moku on July 10th 2015, a motion was ratified to address the concerns raised by the NextEra and Department of Hawaiian Homes public hearings and the lack of consultation with the Aha Moku O MAUI, heirs and assigns of Land Commission Awardees. The following letter is submitted.

The Wailuku Moku informs with this notice how the privilege to provide services on lands and over natural resources on Maui and throughout Hawaii stem from a single superior position of the LCA/RP titled right inherent to the people of Hawaii who are heirs and assigns of the original awardees. No law or legal precedence has the ability to diminish nor extinguish its authority.

Further more, the legislated Aha Moku System, as described in Act 212, is the latent recognition of generational and closer to the source practices and traditions as well as valued ecological knowledge necessary to the proper management of natural resources in Hawaii.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is authorized by the federal mandate of Hawaiian Homes Act. There are no circumstances by which the Department may negotiate the proposal with NextEra without compromising the intent of the Hawaiian Homes Act.

To continue public hearings without meaningful consultation, segregating communities under the misguided belief that residents of DHHL at Kahikinui are the only parties with standing and the Aha Moku o Maui has no interest, is fruitless.

Cc.,  
**Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**

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Testimony of Carol Lee Kamekono  
Submitted to the HHC on 7/29/15  
at the Pukunalo Community Center

Aloha Kakahiaka i ko kakou! Mahalo Chair, Commissioners and staff of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands for providing us the opportunity to speak on this issue.

I would like to preface my comments by saying: I mean no disrespect to the Ohana of Kahikinui who have put their blood and sweat into the 'aina to make themselves self-sustainable.

I am not against development. I am not against progress. I am against the continued oppression of our people.

With that said.....Ko'u mana'o wale no....these are my thoughts only!

I am preaching to the choir when I say this: the policy of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act is to enable native Hawaiians to return to their lands in order to fully support self-sufficiency and self-determination and the preservation of the values, traditions, and culture of native Hawaiians.

In 2007, Act 212- establishment of the Aha Moku System and in 2012, Act 288 - Aha Moku Advisory Committee became law. The State of Hawai'i's recognition of generational knowledge from kupuna on traditional farming, fishing, agriculture and land use methodology based on the ahapua'a system.

The land in question for this Kahikinui Wind Project is considered Hawaiian Homelands. Not Kahikinui Homelands.

Therefore, I propose the Commission entertain the following:

1. Convene a Beneficiary Consultation with all Maui Island Beneficiaries regarding this issue
2. Ensure a seat at the negotiation table for the Aha Moku Council
3. Keep within legislative budget and stop spending our trust money on operational costs

With over 8800 applicants on the Maui Waitlist alone and over 43,000 applicants in the State,

it would behoove the Department to concentrate its focus on fulfilling the policy of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act especially Section 207. To entertain an idea of leasing trust land to a non-Hawaiian entity for the benefit of generating revenue is in my opinion a lame excuse. You have monies in a couple of the trust accounts. It's not doing beneficiaries any good sitting idle. Spend that money! Put our people on their lands! (IE: NAHAKAUAO ↑ OF 4-H)

Let NEXTERRA go elsewhere if they are so set on building the wind farm in the Kahikinui - Kaupo area. Perhaps purchase land from Ulupalakua Ranch? I have included a picture of the Altamont Pass in the Livermore Valley California area. As far as the eyes can see, you can see land. We don't have that luxury here. We live on an island. As far as the eyes can see, we see water. We need to protect, preserve and cherish the undeveloped land we have left to provide for the future of our generations. However, WE as beneficiaries see fit!

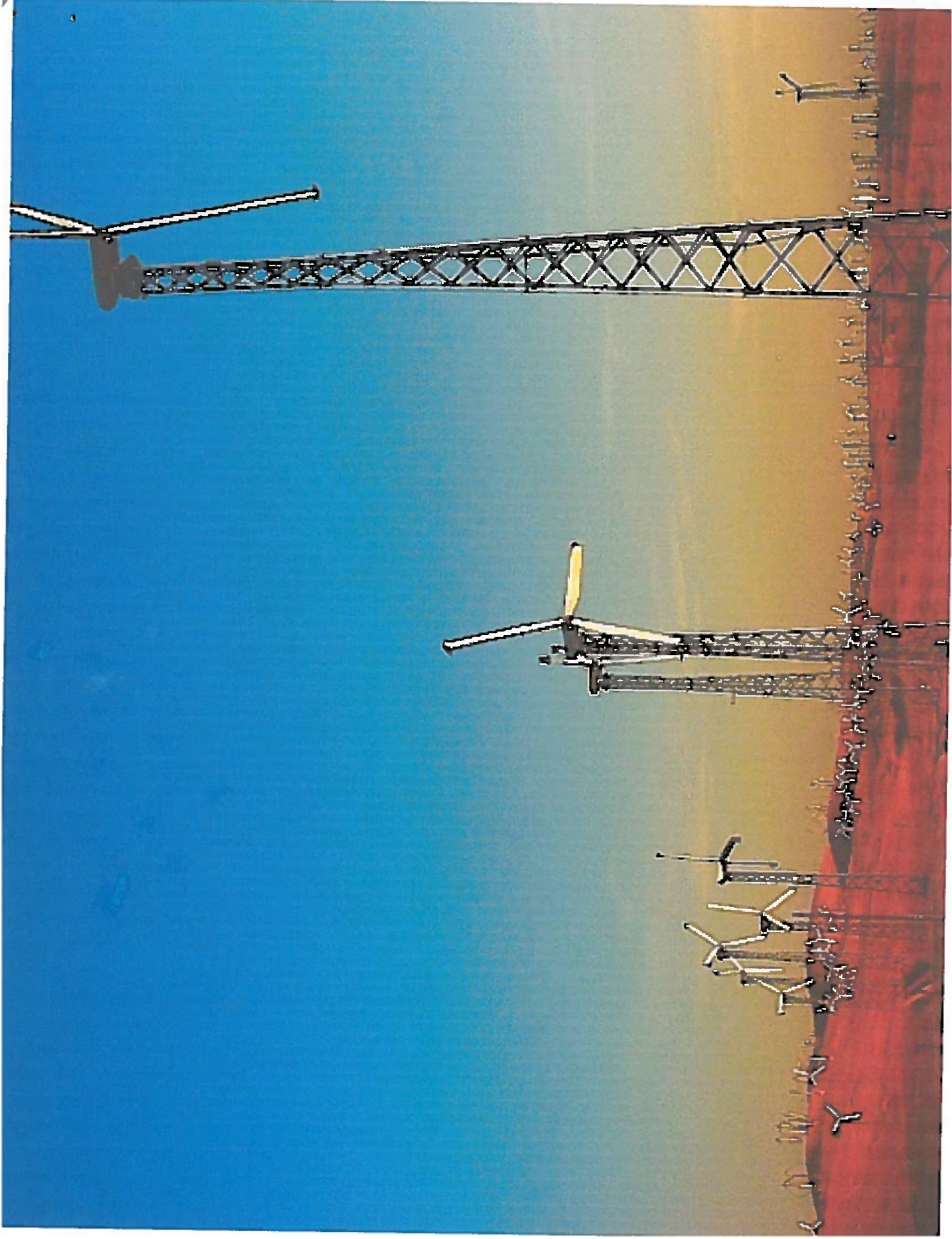
Mahalo nui!

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands - R01A SUMMARY  
Application Waiting List Summary by Area/Lot Type  
For Applications up to 12/31/2014

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Island	A/C	Area/Lot Type	Count
<b>OAHU</b>			
	113	NANAKULI (RES)	177
	123	PAPAKOLEA/KEWALO (RES)	72
	133	WAIMANALO (RES)	586
	143	WAIANAE (RES)	144
	191	OAHU ISLAND-WIDE (AG)	3,592
	193	OAHU ISLAND-WIDE (RES)	9,587
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		Subtotal by Island:	14,158
<b>MAUI</b>			
	213	PAUKUKALO (RES)	52
	221	KULA (AG)	4
	222	KULA (PAS)	5
	291	MAUI ISLAND-WIDE (AG)	4,562
	292	MAUI ISLAND-WIDE (PAS)	592
	293	MAUI ISLAND-WIDE (RES)	3,636
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		Subtotal by Island:	8,851
<b>HAWAII</b>			
	313	KEAUKAHA/WAIAKEA (RES)	69
	321	PANAEWA (AG)	16
	333	KAWAIHAE (RES)	17
	341	WAIMEA (AG)	12
	342	WAIMEA (PAS)	48
	343	WAIMEA (RES)	46
	391	HAWAII ISLAND-WIDE (AG)	7,038
	392	HAWAII ISLAND-WIDE (PAS)	1,887
	393	HAWAII ISLAND-WIDE (RES)	5,603
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		Subtotal by Island:	14,736
<b>KAUAI</b>			
	511	ANAHOLA (AG)	3
	512	ANAHOLA (PAS)	21
	513	ANAHOLA (RES)	45
	523	KEKAHA (RES)	8
	532	PUU OPAAE (PAS)	7
	591	KAUAI ISLAND-WIDE (AG)	2,199
	592	KAUAI ISLAND-WIDE (PAS)	286
	593	KAUAI ISLAND-WIDE (RES)	1,568
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		Subtotal by Island:	4,137
<b>MOLOKAI</b>			
	613	KALAMAULA (RES)	4
	621	HOOLEHUA (AG)	18
	622	HOOLEHUA (PAS)	1
	623	HOOLEHUA (RES)	8
	633	KAPAAKEA (RES)	7









Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project

H Domingo

to:

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06/23/2015 09:55 AM

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To: julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov,

**Proposed Kahikinui Wind Project**

As the proposed Kahikinui Wind Project seems inevitable, my personal comments on this wind project are as follows:

- 1) The Kahikinui Lessee shall be given the right to travel on the private roadway used to transport the "wind project equipment" to the construction/job site; be it the same road that was used in the previous wind project. This would be a benefit for the Lessee who works in the Kihei or Lahaina areas as it would cut down on the travel time and gas usage to get to work, etc. and back. This usage shall be restricted to the Kahikinui Lessees and his/her immediate family only.
- 2) The Kahikinui Lessee shall be given the right to access the improved roadways used for the wind project construction/job site to the kahakai and back up to Piilani Hwy;
- 3) As with the previous wind project, funds shall be allotted to complete the rest of the concreting of the homestead roadway. This is not the "future" funds, but funds to be received before the "go ahead" is given for this wind project.

Mahalo,

Respectfully submitted by Hannah K Domingo, Kahikinui Lessee; Lot 91.

## Kahikinui Presentation Outline

Aloha,  
Introduction of BOD.

Pres. Harry Newman  
Vice Pres. Ainoa Kaiaokamalie  
secretary. Charmain Day  
treasurer. Aimoku Pali  
directors:  
Earl Mo Moler  
Kaleo Cullen  
James Abraham

Welcome to DHHL and Nextera representatives.

Our Ohana joined Ka Ohana O Kahikinui in 1994. Our motto is "how can we help you, help us, help you." This statement remains today and has generated much results.

In the times spent with the Ka Ohana O Kahikinui much has been accomplished. We were entrusted with the Moku of Kahikinui and given the privilege of managing 23,000 acres. Much of our community based development has been designed with the assistance of, "Ka Ohana O Kahikinui Community based Economic Development and Makai Management Plan Moku of Kahikinui." This publication was developed by the department of urban and regional planning, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu Hi. Practicum fall 1999. Another publication we aspire to and helped extensively to develop is "Na Mea Kahiko o Kahikinui. Studies in the Archaeology of Kahikinui, Maui. By: Patrick V. Kirch editor. These publications are available through our DHHL representatives and sum up our development plan.

Although times have changed we as a community continue to move forward and grow with great expectations. Living here in Kahikinui has its rewards and its challenges. Roads, Water, Jobs, Schools, are a few to mention.

Eco tourism is one answer to prosperity here in kahikinui. We hope to form partnerships with those who would help share our dream of being self sufficient, and help our effort to preserve and perpetuate the cultural legacy of Kahikinui.

As a resident of Kahikinui since July 15, 1999, we have seen much advancement in the areas of most concern. We have developed a partnership with Leeward Haleakala watershed restoration project and have successfully fenced and have begun to remove the ungulates and have been reforesting since its inception. Energy, water self sufficiency, road awareness, and community design concepts are at the forefront of our concerns.

We hope to further community based development with the assistance of community planners, and hope to be able to share our resources with other surrounding communities. There is so much to do with so few. We hope that our efforts here today will benefit our future generations in a positive way.

That being said; MAHALO

# Wind power

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Wind power is an expensive, inefficient  
pollutant scam

Ontario wind Turbines

Wind turbines and Health problems

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Wind Turbines south point

Industrial wind turbines and their affect  
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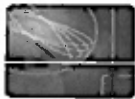
Health effect of electromagnetic fields

unnatural conditions created by wind power  
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infrasound, ground currents, Electro-magnetic  
Fields, low frequency vibrations

affects on the human body

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| 3 Sleep disturbance             | 12 cardiovascular     |
| 4. headaches                    | 13 dizziness          |
| 5 difficulty concentrating      | 14. Loss of appetite  |
| 6. Depression                   | 15 nausea             |
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| 8 irritability                  |                       |

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July 15, 2015

Chairman Jobie Masagatani  
Hawaiian Homes Commission  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
Hale Kalaniana'ole  
91-5420 Kapolei Parkway  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Aloha e Chairman Masagatani:

Let me begin by introducing myself: I am a Hawai'i born and raised kama'aina who has devoted more than five decades to researching the archaeology and ancient history of Hawai'i and other Polynesian islands and their cultures. Beginning in 1995 I commenced a long-term project, with permission from DHHL, to study the archaeology of

Kahikinui, Maui. Over the next seventeen years, I spent many long seasons of fieldwork, hiking over the lands of Kahikinui, discovering and recording more than 3,058 individual archaeological features. I have published some 24 scholarly and scientific articles on the results of this intensive research. An overview of our main discoveries was recently presented in my book Kua'āina Kahiko: Life and Land in Ancient Kahikinui, Maui (University of Hawai'i Press, 2014). I enclose a copy of this book for you.

I am writing to you today in regard to recent news reports that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has entered into negotiations with NextEra Energy for development of a 60-megawatt windfarm on DHHL lands in Kahikinui, Maui (e.g., <https://www.wind-watch.org/news/2015/07/11/wind-project-proposed-for-dhhl-land-in-kahikinui/>).

Obviously, a development of this scale (considerably larger than the recently completed windward on 'Ulupalakua Ranch lands at Auwahi) will have significant impacts on the Kahikinui environment, and no doubt is being vigorously debated by various stakeholders.

My intent in writing to you is to inquire whether—in the earliest possible stages of planning this proposed project—your staff has taken into consideration the likely impact of such a project on the unique archaeological and cultural resources of Kahikinui district. As I document in Kua'āina Kahiko, the moku of Kahikinui is one of the very few remaining districts in the Hawaiian archipelago where an entire landscape remains largely undisturbed. As I write on page 261 of my book: Kahikinui "is one of the few places in the islands where an entire moku can still be viewed, explored, studied, more or less in the state that it has been in for centuries. Its thousands of archaeological sites—heiau, ko'a, kauhale, and garden walls—comprise a vast outdoor museum of life in ancient Hawai'i. In Kahikinui one can still see, not just disjointed fragments of this past time, but how an entire landscape once functioned as an integrated socio-ecosystem."

I fully appreciate the economic pressures that lay behind the desire to develop wind energy in Kahikinui. But I write to implore you and your fellow Commissioners not to let economic considerations alone drive the decision-making process. Kahikinui is truly a unique region within Hawai'i, not only for its incredibly rich archaeology but also for its geology, its dryland forests, its expansive landscapes. I would hope that in the decision making process to come, you will take these resources into full consideration along with economic factors. Once the unique 'āina malo'o of Kahikinui has been altered, the change will be irreversible.

I also write to let you know that I am prepared to share the considerable knowledge that I have accumulated regarding the archaeological sites of Kahikinui with your staff. Many of your staff members do know of my work, and it is troubling to me that although plans have obviously been moving forward with regard to the windfarm project, no one from DHHL has approached me for my mana'o as to how such a project might impact the archaeological landscape, or how such impacts might be minimized or mitigated. I stress once again that I have acquired detailed information on more than 3,000 archaeological sites which I would be happy to share. I can readily be contacted at [kirch@berkeley.edu](mailto:kirch@berkeley.edu).

In closing, I will simply reiterate what I'm sure you and your fellow Commissioners are fully aware of—that you face a momentous decision whose consequences will be far-reaching and irreversible. I urge you to take the time necessary to weigh fully and equally all of the benefits, impacts, and consequences of whatever decision you reach.

Malama pono,

Patrick V. Kirch  
Chancellor's Professor Emeritus of Anthropology  
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