MINUTE ORDER NO. 88

(ORDER DENYING TEMPLE OF LONO’S MOTION TO VACATE MINUTE ORDER NO. 39, OR ALTERNATIVELY TO PARTIALLY RECONSIDER MINUTE ORDER NO. 39, FILED NOVEMBER 6, 2016 [DOC. 409])

Temple of Lono (“Temple”) filed Temple of Lono’s Motion to Vacate Minute Order No. 39, or Alternatively to Partially Reconsider Minute Order No. 39, on November 6, 2016 [Doc. 409]. Applicant University of Hawai‘i at Hilo (“University”) filed an opposition to the motion [Doc. 417].

The Board of Land and Natural Resources (“Board”) elects to decide the Temple’s motion without oral argument.

Minute Order No. 39 [Doc. 406] denied Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, Kealoha Pisciotta, Clarence Kukauakahi Ching, Flores-Case Ohana, Deborah J. Ward, Paul K. Neves, and Kahea: The Hawaiian Environmental Alliance’s (collectively, the “MKAH parties”) renewed motion to disqualify the Hearing Officer [Doc. 340]. The Temple had filed a joinder to the MKAH parties’
motion, together with a second supplement, third supplement, and response to the University’s statement of position [Doc. 343, 360, 361, 386]. Minute Order No. 39 was the third order filed by the Board addressing the many duplicative motions to disqualify the Hearing Officer [Doc. 124, 245, 409].

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The motion is HEREBY DENIED.


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DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, __________, 2017.

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