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REF:OCCL:TM CDUA:OA-3987

Submission Date: August 8, 2025

145-Day Expiration Date: December 31, 2025

Genevieve Rozhon, Principal Scientist 1340 Treat Blvd, Suite 550 Walnut Creek, CA 94597

August 25, 2025

Dear Genevieve Rozhon:

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) OA-3987 (Board Permit)

This acknowledges the receipt and acceptance for the processing of Hawaiki Submarine Cable USA, LLC (Subsidiary of BW Digital) CDUA for the Hawaiki Cable Landing Expansion Project located at Honouliuli, 'Ewa, O'ahu. The project is proposed upon submerged land that lies within the Resource subzone of the Conservation District makai of Tax Map Key: (1) 9-2-049:001 noted as Kahe Point Beach Park.

According to the application, a portion of the project is proposed in marine waters that will consist of up to three subsurface Horizontal Directionally Drilled (HDD) boreholes in waters of about 50-65-feet of which bore pipes will extend mauka over a length of approximately 2,500 to 3,000-feet to an onshore staging area. Each bore would be approximately eight inches in diameter and the exact bore path and length is pending geotechnical surveys. The purpose of the project is to create infrastructure to host future subsea fiber optic telecommunications cables.

After reviewing the application, the Department finds that:

The proposed use is an identified land use in the Resource subzone of the Conservation District, pursuant to the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-5-22, P-6 PUBLIC PURPOSE USES Not for profit land uses undertaken in support of a public service by an agency of the county, state, or federal government, or by an independent non-governmental entity, except that an independent non-governmental regulated public utility may be considered to be engaged in a public

purpose use. Examples of public purpose uses may include but are not limited to public roads, marinas, harbors, airports, trails, water systems and other utilities, energy generation from_renewable sources, communication systems, flood or erosion control projects, recreational facilities, community centers, and other public purpose uses, intended to benefit the public in accordance with public policy and the purpose of the conservation district. Please be advised, however, that this finding does not constitute approval of the proposal;

- 2. Pursuant to HAR §13-5-40(a), a Public Hearing shall be required;
- 3. In conformance with the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, as amended, and HAR Chapter 11-200.1, the Final Environmental Assessment has been reviewed and accepted by the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands. The FONSI was published in the July 8, 2025, issue of the Environmental Notice; and
- 4. The Conservation District portion of this project does not lie within the Special Management Area.

Pursuant to HRS §27-45 this is a broadband-related permit application as it involves the development of infrastructure relating to broadband service or technology. Upon completion of the application review process, this CDUA will be placed on the agenda of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for their consideration. Should you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Tiger Mills of our Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at (808) 587-0382 or at kimberly.mills@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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