Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. on Lands Encumbered by Executive Order No. 1913 dated July 25, 1960 for Wahiawa Intermediate School Site, Waianae-Uka, Wahiawa Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 7-6-001:003.

APPLICANT:

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO)

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Waianae-Uka, Wahiawa Oahu, identified by Tax Map Key: (1) 7-6-001:003, as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit A.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Agriculture, Conservation
City and County of Honolulu LUO: P-2

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(e) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Encumbered by Executive Order No. 1913 set aside to Department of Education for Wahiawa Intermediate School.
CHARACTER OF USE:

Staging area for utility pole delivery and landing/loading zone for heavy lift helicopter.

TERM OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

January 13, 14, and 15 of 2018 [These are the planned dates at the time of writing the submittal. Any change to those dates will be agreed between HECO and DOE.]

CONSIDERATION:

Gratis.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred by the Environmental Council on June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, “Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing,” item 42 that states, “Storage of construction equipment and materials for a limited period of time as necessary to support planned or existing construction or repair.” Exhibit B.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed: YES x NO __
Registered business name confirmed: YES x NO __
Applicant in good standing confirmed: YES x NO __

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

None.

REMARKS:

Hawaiian Electric Company has the need to replace a utility pole in an area that is inaccessible to vehicles situated near the Wahiawa Intermediate School. The applicant is requesting a right-of-entry to use a portion of the grounds of the Wahiawa Intermediate School recreation field as a staging area for the delivery of a replacement utility pole, digging equipment and also as a landing/loading zone for the heavy lift construction helicopter that is needed to transport digging equipment to the site and install the replacement pole in the prepared site.

In an email dated September 27, 2017, agreement was given by the school administration
to use a portion of the school grounds provided that the applicant gives sufficient notification to the school. Applicant acknowledges this requirement and will coordinate with the school.

The project will involve delivery of the replacement utility pole by truck to the school. The truck will need to drive over the grounds to the staging area where it will be coupled to the heavy lift construction helicopter and air lifted into a pre-drilled hole. The applicant also requests to park their vehicles in the school parking area closest to the grassy patch during the span of the project. The applicant has indicated they will try to complete the project with the least amount of impact to the school.

There are no other pertinent issues or concerns. Staff has no objection to the request.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. covering the subject area under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:

   A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time;

   B. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State; and

   C. Authorize the Chairperson to issue extension of right-of-entry to the Applicant in relation to its replacement of utility structure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Bryant-Takamatsu
Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
TMK: (1) 7-6-001:003

EXHIBIT A
EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: Right-of-Entry Permit for Staging area for utility pole delivery and landing/loading zone for heavy lift helicopter.

Project / Reference No.: EO 1913

Project Location: Waianae-Uka, Wahiawa Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 7-6-001:003.

Project Description: Issuance of a right-of-entry permit for Staging area for utility pole delivery and landing/loading zone for heavy lift helicopter.

Chapter 343 Trigger(s): Use of State Land

Exemption Class No.: In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred by the Environmental Council on June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, “Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing,” item 42 that states, “Storage of construction equipment and materials for a limited period of time as necessary to support planned or existing construction or repair.”

The subject request only pertains to use of Wahiawa Intermediate School grounds as a staging, landing/loading area. As such staff believes that the project would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use of the subject area beyond that previously existing.

Consulted Parties: Department of Education.

Recommendation: That the Board find this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

EXHIBIT B