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Notice of Pre-Assessment Consultation for HRS Chapter 343 Environmental Assessment

Dear Landowner, Tenant, Occupant, or Stakeholder,

We hope this email finds you well. We are pleased to provide you with the latest update about our **Barbers Point Solar Project**, which would be developed on land owned by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) in the 'Ewa District, O'ahu.

The goal is energy independence.

As part of Hawaii's renewable energy mandate to achieve 100% renewable portfolio standard by the year 2045 the state needs to reach the following milestones first: 30% by 2020, 40% by 2030, 70% by 2040, 100% by 2045. This is a very challenging but realistic achievement. In 2019, Hawaiian Electric launched the second phase of their competitive bid for renewable energy, the single largest procurement effort in the State of Hawaii, for approximately 900 MW of new renewable generation. Innergex submitted the Barbers Point Solar Project as a competitive bid and a power purchase agreement was executed with Hawaiian Electric in September 2020, currently awaiting approval by the Public Utilities Commission.

Seeking community input on environmental assessment.

As the Barbers Point Solar Project is located on State-owned land in east Kalaheo (east of Kalaheo Airport) in the 'Ewa District, compliance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 is required. Pursuant to the requirements of HRS Chapter 343 and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §11 200.1, Barbers Point Solar, LLC is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the project. As part of the environmental review process, a pre-assessment consultation letter is being sent to interested parties (please see attached), to obtain input on the scope of issues to be considered in the Draft EA. We welcome input from community members and would encourage you to submit your input to barberspointsolar@innnergex.com.

We would like to invite you to view our [website](http://www.innergex.com/hawaii/barbers-point/) at www.innergex.com/hawaii/barbers-point/ to access the preliminary technical studies that have been conducted to date, and learn more about some of the benefits the Project will provide the community:

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- One of key advantages of utility scale solar projects with battery energy storage systems (BESS) is that it benefits all users connected to the Hawaiian Electric grid (residential, commercial, industrial). The price of solar plus BESS in recent Maui Electric RFP's is the lowest to date for renewable electricity in the state and is cheaper than the cost of traditional fossil fuel generation.
- The Project will power approximately **6,200** Oahu households with clean, renewable energy.
- Barbers Point Solar's 25-year fixed price PPA will provide pricing stability to Hawaiian Electric and reduce the volatility and risk from fossil fuel dependence. There will be no escalators in the pricing over the 25 years.
- Barbers Point Solar's BESS will enable Hawaiian Electric to utilize stored solar energy to meet peak demands or respond to the unforeseen shutdown of one or more other units on Hawaiian Electric's system, improving the system's reliability and grid stability.
- In addition to providing opportunities for local workforce and businesses, the Project will provide local training opportunities such as the partnership between the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and the Mākaha Learning Center, facilitated by Innergex, to establish a Solar Training Program – an intensive learning opportunity for 30 Native Hawaiian students to gain and develop the technical skills needed to succeed in the solar industry. You can learn more about it in our newsletter Ka Puni Uila.
- The Project will also partner up with local organizations such as Wai'anae Gold, and provide sponsorships and donations for local festivals, events, conferences, fundraisers.

We will continue to provide updates.

As part of our commitment to being a good neighbor and long-term resident of Kalaeloa, we will continue to engage with the community and apply our resources and expertise, sponsorship opportunities and support to local organizations as needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (808) 298-2615 or at mbmartin@innnergex.com if you have any feedback or questions. Again, we sincerely look forward to this opportunity to share with you more details of the Project.

Mahalo

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