

## **Letters to the Editor**

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### **DBEDT comments were poorly worded**

In comments filed with the Public Utilities Commission, the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism submitted a filing that some have construed as criticizing the HEI Companies for subordinating the interests of customers relative to maximizing profits.

This was the result of a not-so-artfully worded phrase on the final page of DBEDT's comments on HEI's Power Supply Improvement Plans that it filed with the PUC.

For this we apologize, as it was not our intent to question the motives of HEI.

We believe HEI was acting in good faith, seeking solutions for the good of Hawaii. The plans were submitted as a starting point for further discussion. We don't agree with some of the assumptions and conclusions, but it was not our intent to convey or imply that those differences were the result of questionable motives.

As in previous filings, our comments were intended to provide a constructive critique. While our filing delineates a number of areas of disagreement, we share a common vision for Hawaii's energy future.

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