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INTRODUCTION BY

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ROBIN CAMPANIANO

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SPEAKER:

BARBARA TOFTE

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1 MR. ROBIN CAMPANIANO: Aloha. I'm the
2 facilitator. My name is Robin Campaniano. Welcome to
3 you, and thank you for coming to speak to us. We have a
4 microphone for you, if you'd like. And if you speak
5 clearly so Terri, our court reporter, can transcribe
6 what you say. It's very important for the gathering,
7 and it's important that we keep your comments as
8 accurate as possible. So welcome.

9 You can come forward. Start with your name and
10 spell it, please.

11 MS. BARBARA TOFTE: My name is Barbara,
12 B-a-r-b-a-r-a, Tofte, T- as in Tom o-f- as in frank t-
13 as in Tom and e- as in eagle. I've been a resident here
14 for 36 years. We've lived in many places on the North
15 Shore, about nine before we built our house in 1988, and
16 we had an analog meter put on it.

17 And I'll start with that because all this is
18 great, and I appreciate all the work that you've done
19 and your coordinating. You're smart people, and you are
20 smart, as opposed to a smart meter is really a dangerous
21 piece of equipment that's on each one of our houses.
22 That radiation, you know, we bombed Japan and in other
23 places there. They've been using that radiation in a
24 very deadly way towards the whole world. And now they
25 put radiation -- little radiation bombs on our houses.

1 And you can just go research yourself what
2 radiation does. I didn't know what it was doing to me,
3 but my doctor did. I had a doctor, Glenn Swartra (ph).
4 He's from the Big Island, and he came and checked my
5 house in 1990. In 1990 he was so happy that I had an
6 analog meter on because he's from New York, and they've
7 been already dealing with all kinds of things. And
8 knowing that just made me really happy because I have a
9 safe house. He came in with a Stetzerizer invented by a
10 man named Stetzerizer -- or Stetzer and another man
11 named Graham. They worked together to check the
12 electricity flowing into our houses.

13 So in 1990 he came in and checked them all.
14 And, you know, it's all very confusing. I have three
15 meters just to check out and make sure my house is safe.
16 There are so many. You can go and look in books. And
17 how do I figure all this out? I'm just a teacher of
18 second graders, you know, not somebody like you people
19 here. It's amazing all the education you've had. You
20 know all that. But I'm just a common person that's
21 living in a house that had an analog meter in it and
22 checked every plug. And they were all like 25 and under
23 with how they grade it. So my house was fit.

24 But in 2004 KIUC came in and took it out and
25 didn't tell me, and they put in a digital meter. Now,

1 it's not the smart meter, but it's digital. And so the
2 digital treated me just like it was a smart meter
3 because all of my plugs were then dirty. We call it
4 dirty electricity, written by -- a book I just got from
5 Dr. Milham.

6 So within three years I got leukemia,
7 pre-leukemia they call it, where my immune system is
8 breaking down. I didn't know it. I didn't even know I
9 had a digital meter on my house.

10 So you can do all of this wonderful work of
11 organizing, but if your end product in our houses and in
12 our environment is radiation and radiation pollution;
13 we've had some experts come in; we are polluted now.
14 Because in order for KIUC to move the information from
15 all of our houses and use our houses illegally as a
16 source of business -- because what the electricity
17 companies are doing all over the nation is selling
18 information to the government and to different
19 corporations that want to know all things about me.

20 I mean, it might not be -- it might not be bad
21 things. It's not bad to know that I open up my
22 refrigerator 15 times a night, but I don't want that
23 information out there. I don't want them using my
24 house, which is a sacred place and protected by the
25 Fourth Amendment and sacred. Nobody's supposed to come

1 in and take information from me without me giving
2 permission.

3 I have not given KIUC permission to use my
4 house along with the other houses that are in my
5 neighborhood collecting information and sending it to
6 KIUC on another 40 cell tower devices that are on our
7 telephone poles.

8 So now we're getting more polluted. We've got
9 27,000 smart meters, we have another 40 cell phone
10 devices that nobody voted on. Nobody could protest it.
11 They just did it to us.

12 So I went to the board two times. And the
13 first I called them to see why they have my analog
14 meter. And I was told by Jim Kelly, We took it out and
15 put in a digital in 2004.

16 And then subsequently I got pre-leukemia, and
17 then in 2012 when I should have been here listening to
18 you come and announce all this, I was at Cedars-Sinai to
19 have my brain tumor taken out. And I just couldn't
20 figure it out. Nobody could figure it out because this
21 is a new science.

22 So you can tell somebody, I'm telling you this,
23 but there's so much research out that says, yes, you
24 could get sick. The American Academy of Environmental
25 Science has documented things like more adults getting

1 leukemia, more children getting ADD. Or with all the
2 cell phones and everything sometimes it's hard to see,
3 is it just the smart meters or is it also the cell
4 phones?

5 I mean, you see kids -- I saw a baby at a
6 potluck the other day with a cell phone right to his
7 head just walking around. I'm a teacher. I'm concerned
8 about that. I'm concerned for the environment. Am I
9 getting too long?

10 MR. JOE RIVERS: No, you're fine for right
11 now because we don't have any other speakers. But if
12 you have any specific comments on the document or your
13 concerns, then we probably want to get to that.

14 BARBARA TOFTE: Okay. As I say, I see what
15 you're doing and you're coordinating things. But if
16 your end product is energy, and KIUC, our electrical
17 company, is not listening -- I've been to them twice.
18 Told them I'm sick, documented it, I had doctor's
19 permission -- notes. It seems like permission,
20 though -- to have my neighbors take their smart meters
21 out.

22 And those people have ignored me because when
23 they call KIUC, KIUC will say, No, we're not giving any
24 more analog meters out. That time is over. It doesn't
25 fit with our system.

1 And I'm going, I have 3,000 friends that have
2 analog, and I'm asking you for one because I'm sick.
3 I've got two situations happening, and they ignored me.

4 They said, No, we have a digital non-RF. But
5 when we've tested it, we see there is radiation
6 frequency coming out of it, but it's not to the extent
7 that the smart meter is.

8 So you can do all this wonderful work, but if
9 they say no to us, we have a polluted island now with
10 more radiation, digital radiation. We're polluted. I
11 wouldn't come to Kauai if everybody -- if I was just
12 coming for the first time and I knew they had all this
13 pollution on this island.

14 You know, then we have drones. What do we have
15 drones for? Because they tell me I'm not going to have
16 -- I cannot have an analog meter. I cannot have health.
17 I have to keep that.

18 And when I said, Well, I'm going to take it
19 out, put in my own.

20 They said -- the secretary said, We'll sue you.

21 And then the president and CEO said, We'll turn
22 your electricity off.

23 So that's very fascist, and that's not what
24 America is about. And I think your committee should
25 open their eyes up and do a safety and health document.

1 That's never been done, never been done.

2 And they harass people like me that want to
3 have a clean environment, and we don't.

4 So I really hold all of you on this committee
5 responsible to do something, make a change. Because it
6 doesn't just affect me. It affects the dolphins, the
7 whales, and the turtles, the birds even here on Kauai.
8 So many people have left that I know of. Had a man with
9 a wife that had cancer. He took his meter off, the
10 digital, put on an analog. I still haven't heard if
11 they turned his electricity off or not. But the wife
12 had to move to Oahu.

13 But now they're starting to do Oahu, and Maui
14 is involved and the Big Island. So we're not -- we are
15 few right now, but I think the longer we have it on, the
16 more people will get sick.

17 So I'm hoping that you do a safety check, and
18 then I'll be happy. Because then people will say no
19 more. Everybody will say no more.

20 MR. JOE RIVERS: Thank you, Barbara. It's
21 7:00. We will temporarily adjourn until other people
22 come in.

23 (Concluded at approximately 7:03 p.m., May
24 12, 2014.)

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1 STATE OF HAWAII)
) ss.
2 COUNTY OF KAUAI)

3 I, TERRI R. HANSON, RPR, CSR 482, do hereby
4 certify:

5 That on Monday, May 12, 2014, at 6:38 p.m.; that
6 the foregoing Public Hearing, Re: Hawaii Clean Energy
Draft Programmatic EIS (PIES), was held;

7 That the foregoing proceedings were taken down by
8 me in machine shorthand and were thereafter reduced to
9 typewritten form under my supervision; that the
10 foregoing 10-page transcript represents to the best of
my ability, a true and correct transcript of the
proceedings had in the foregoing matter.

11 I certify that I am not an attorney for any of
12 the parties hereto, nor in any way concerned with the
cause.

13 DATED this 8th day of June, 2014, in Kapaa,
Hawaii.

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16 TERRI R. HANSON, CSR 482
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