

**Transmission Line Approval  
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (PUC)**

**Purpose:** To allow interconnection from a proposed energy project to the existing grid through new transmission lines.

**Approval Authority:** Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 269; various Hawaii Administrative Rules

**Potential Approval Prerequisites:** If necessary, complete the Transmission Line Approval process as required transmission line upgrades and their associated costs are determined in conjunction with the PPA process.

**Fees:** No application fee.

**For More Information:**

PUC Homepage: <http://puc.hawaii.gov/>

**Contact Information:** PUC (808) 586-2020

**Estimated Time for Permit Approval Decision from Application Acceptance:** See Checklist / Process

Checklist / Process	Chronology
<p>1. For projects in Hawaii County, Maui County, and the City and County of Honolulu, complete the Nonutility Generator (NUG) Form 1 and submit to:            Director, Power Purchase Division            Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.            P.O. Box 2750            Honolulu, Hawaii 96840-0001</p> <p>For projects in Kauai County, please contact the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative at (808) 246-4300.</p>	
<p>2. Complete an Interconnection Requirement Study (IRS) which is completed by the utility and paid for by the applicant.</p>	
<p>3. Depending on the findings of the IRS, required upgrades are determined along with the associated costs. The costs of the upgrades are negotiated in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) process.</p>	
<p>4. IRS and PPA are submitted to the PUC for approval.</p>	
<p>5. PUC approves, approves with conditions, or denies the application.</p>	
<p><b>Estimated Time from Completed Application Acceptance</b></p>	<p><b>Varies by project</b></p>

**Other Application Considerations:**

- All PUC dockets can be accessed electronically through the PUC's Document Management System: <http://dms.puc.hawaii.gov/dms/>
- Applicants are responsible to ensure compliance with all other applicable federal regulations (e.g., Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission).
- Utilities may require permitting benchmarks as conditions of the power purchase or fuel offtake agreement.