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SUBJECT: Withdrawal of the Draft Environmental Assessment, Final Environmental Assessment, and the Finding of No Significant Impact Determination for the West Kaua'i Energy Project, Located at Waimea, Kaua'i Tax Map Keys (TMKs): (4) 1-2-001: 003, 007; 1-2-001, 016, 018, 019, 023, 999; 1-4-001: 002, 003, 013; 1-4-002: 008, 035, 36, 048, 066-068, 085

Dear Ms. Evans:

Pursuant to a Stipulation and Order that was filed in First Circuit Court on March 28, 2024, regarding Civil No. 1CCV-23-0000165(SMK), the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) respectfully requests the withdrawal of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Final EA, and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination for the West Kaua'i Energy Project (WKEP). We also kindly ask that you publish notification of the withdrawal in the next available edition of *The Environmental Notice*.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lauren Yasaka of our Land Division at 808-587-0431, or at lauren.e.yasaka@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson

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