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Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Kaupulehu Crater Site

Acquisition of Land and Facilities

Attached for your appropriate action are the following:

- 1. Document for Publication in the OEQC Bulletin.
- 2. Four copies of the Negative Declaration.

If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Allen Yamanoha of the Planning Branch at 586-0483.

Very truly yours,

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION KAUPULEHU CRATER SITE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND FACILITIES APRIL 27, 1992

- A. <u>PROPOSING AGENCY</u>: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
- B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.
- C. <u>AGENCY CONSULTED</u>: Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
- D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:
 - 1. <u>Technical</u>: This project is to acquire co-ownership of the land and facilities to enable Hawaii Public Broadcasting Authority, University of Hawaii, Department of Education and other State agencies to deliver educational and training programs.
 - 2. Economic: The estimated cost of the project is \$833,000. Since this project is to acquire a portion of an existing facility and its associated land area, some land will be removed from the tax base. However, the benefits accrued to the State substantially outweighs the loss from the tax base.
 - Social: The project will provide the State with a much-needed facility to deliver educational and training programs to the Kona area on the island of Hawaii.
 - Environmental: The project will not create any major environmental impact.
- E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS: The land and facilities are located at Kaupulehu Crater site in Kona on the island of Hawaii (identified as TMK 3rd Division 7-2-01:por. 01) as shown in the attached Figures 1, 2 and 3.
- F. <u>DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS</u>: The following assessments are made to determine whether or not the anticipated effects constitute a "significant effect":
 - 1. The proposed action will not involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.

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- The proposed action will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.
- The proposed action will not conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.
- 4. The proposed action will not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.
- The proposed action will not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.
- The proposed action will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.
- 7. The proposed action will not substantially affect any rare, threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna or habitat. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.
- The proposed action will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.
- 9. The proposed action will not be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.
- G. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS: Since the proposed action is to acquire a portion of an existing facility, no environmental impact is anticipated.
- H. <u>ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED</u>: The "no action" alternative was considered but deemed to be unacceptable.
- I. <u>PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES</u>: There are no proposed mitigation measures because there are no environmental impacts.
- J. <u>DETERMINATION</u>: It is determined that an Environmental Impact Statement should not be required for this project.
- K. <u>FINDINGS AND REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION</u>: The existing project site is almost fully developed and

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generally free of flood, tsunami, erosion, and landslide hazards. No rare or endangered species of flora are known to exist at the site. No rare or endangered species of fauna are known to inhabit the site. There are no recorded archaeological or historical sites within the existing site.

Since the proposed action is to acquire a portion of an existing facility and its surrounding land, no construction activity will commence nor will the existing environment be disturbed.

For the reasons cited above, the proposed action will not have any significant effect in the context of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Section 11-200-12 of the State Administrative Rules.

FIGURE 1

FIGURE 2

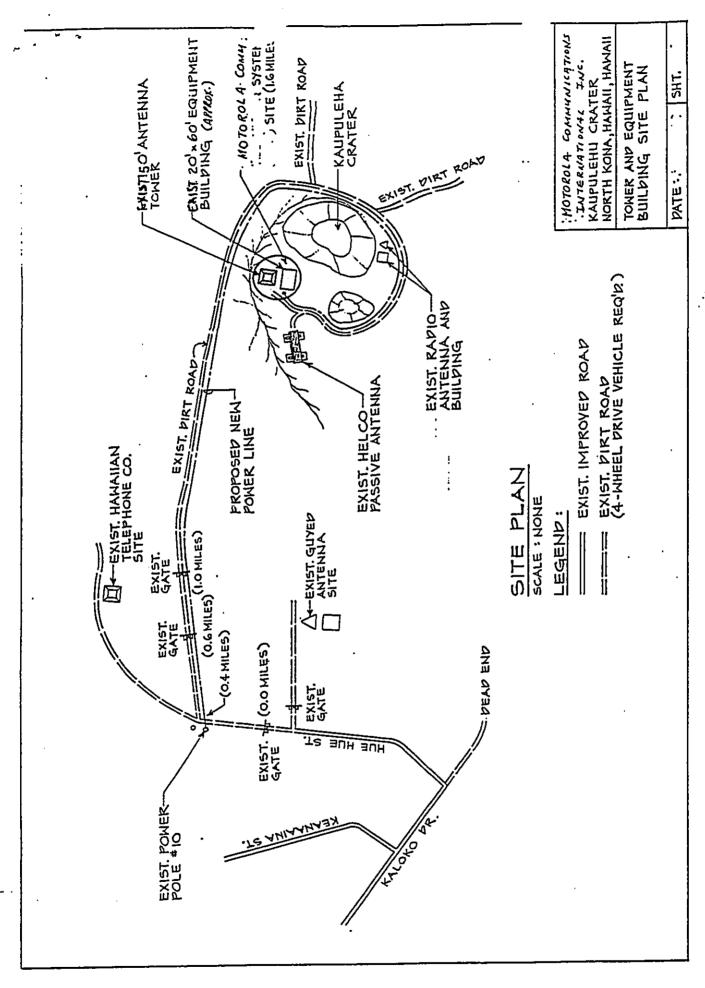


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