

# *The Role of Net Metering in the Evolving Electricity System*

## Meeting #5

### Public Agenda

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

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2:00-2:45 ET

**Open Session: Hawaii Experience & Perspective on Net Metering**

Colton Ching, Hawaiian Electric

2:45-3:30 ET

**Open Session: Legal Perspective on 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Electricity Sales**

Lee Peterson, CohnReznick

3:30 ET

**Adjourn Open Session**

## Speaker Biographies

### **Colton Ching, Hawaiian Electric**

Colton Ching is senior vice president of planning and technology. He has responsibility for planning Hawaiian Electric's 100 percent renewable energy grid and for the procurement of cost-effective, reliable and resilient renewable generation. Ching is also responsible for developing and managing Hawaiian Electric's strategies and budgets for the transmission and distribution system. He previously served as vice president of Energy Delivery, as well as vice president of System Operation and Planning and has 30 years of utility experience. In addition to his work at Hawaiian Electric, Colton serves on the Metro Board of Directors of the YMCA of Honolulu and the Executive Board of the Aloha Council of the Scouts BSA. Colton is also one of 13 inaugural cohorts in the Omidyar Fellows Leadership program. Ching was born and raised on Maui and is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he received a degree in mechanical engineering.

### **Lee Peterson, CohnReznick**

Lee J. Peterson, JD is a senior manager in CohnReznick's Project Finance and Consulting practice and serves as the firm's government liaison. In this capacity, he closely monitors the impact that legislative developments such as the U.S. infrastructure plan could have on the firm's clients. Lee has extensive experience with federal and state governmental relations, policy implementation, and thought leadership. His connections to the federal executive branch, the legislative branch, the Department of Defense, and other federal agencies and regulatory bodies enable him to consult with clients and other CohnReznick stakeholders on matters such as federal renewable energy policy and procurement. Lee also advises private companies and federal, state, and local governments on public tax incentive policy, including policy with respect to the federal investment tax credit (the "energy credit" or ITC) and the production tax credit (PTC), as well as their state level analogs. Lee's extensive federal and state income tax knowledge includes experience in income taxation of partnerships and limited liability companies in the arena of renewable energy finance. He has advised CohnReznick clients on all types of renewable energy transactions with a significant focus on transactions involving federal, state, and local tax and financial incentives. His clients include Fortune 100 companies, government and not-for-profit organizations, and renewable energy project sponsor companies, project developers, and tax equity investors.