Why You Should Attend:

Hawaii’s clean energy future is rapidly evolving, driven by key changes in law, policy and finance. Although the direction is set and progress has been made in achieving energy goals and objectives, major challenges and uncertainties remain. Successfully navigating these changes requires not only up-to-date knowledge and information as to the key technical, financial, legal and policy aspects of Hawaii’s clean energy transformation, but also a “big picture” understanding of how it all fits together. This seminar will provide key insights and analyses from the experts and thought leaders working to advance Hawaii’s transition to a clean energy future.
9:00 Introduction and Overview
• Where Have We Come?
• What Does the Future Look Like?
• What Are the Challenges in the Next Ten Years?

Douglas A. Codiga, Program Chair
Schlack Ito LLC
Gerald A. Sumida, Program Chair
Carlsmith Ball LLP

• Where Have We Come and Where Are We Now?
• What Challenges – Now and in the Next Ten Years – Can We Identify?
• How Are Energy Systems Changing - Or Not- To Deal with These Challenges?
• What Are the Regulatory and Policy Implications Involved?
• What Legal and Regulatory Initiatives Will be Needed?
• How Should Hawaii Respond?

Commissioner Michael E. Chambley, Moderator (Invited)
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Mark Duda, President
Hawaii PV Coalition
Leon R. Roose, Principal & Chief Technologist
Hawaii Natural Energy Institute
School of Ocean & Earth Science & Technology, University of Hawaii at Manoa

10:30 Break

10:45 The Regulatory and Lawmaking Future: Updates from Public Utilities Commission and Legislature
• How Is the Public Utilities Commission Shaping Its Vision and Focusing Its Regulatory Objectives?
• What is the Legislature Planning To Do and Why?
• Is There a Consistent, Strategic and Practical Vision for Hawaii’s Energy Future?
• How Can Renewable Energy Work for Industry, the Public, and Utilities?

Commissioner Lorraine H. Akiba
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Senator Mike Gabbard
Hawaii State Senate, 20th District
Representative Chris Lee
Hawaii State Senate, 21st District

11:30 Industry Perspectives on Utility Scale and Distributed Renewables: Current Challenges and Opportunities
• Regulatory and Industry Perspective on the Future of Renewable Energy
• Harmonizing Distributed and Utility Scale Generation
• Where is the $? Industry’s Take on Crunching the Numbers
• What Industry Needs From the State and Feds
• What Industry Needs From Utilities

Alan M. Oshima, President and CEO
Hawaiian Electric Company

12:00 Midday Break

1:15 The Future is Now: Microgrids, Demand Response, Distributed and Utility Scale Generation, and the Evolution of Hawaii’s Electric Grid Systems
• How Should the Electric Grid System be Transformed and Why?
• How Can Greater Integration of Solar and Wind Generation be Accomplished?
• What is the Best Role for Energy Storage?
• Where and How Do the Role of Smart Grids and Microgrid Fit Into the Grid System of the Future?

David Bissell, President and CEO
Kauai Island Utility Cooperative
James “Jay” Griffin, PhD
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Neil “Dutch” Kuyper, President and CEO
Parker Ranch

2:00 Special Session: Should LNG be Effectively Integrated Into Hawaii’s Energy Future?
• How Specifically Will LNG be Used in Hawaii and by Whom?
• How Will LNG Be Imported Into Hawaii, Stored, and Processed, and Distributed to Users?
• How Can LNG’s Contribution to Hawaii’s Energy Future be Maximized?

Joseph J. Boivan, Jr.
Senior Vice President, Business Development & Corporate Affairs
Hawaii Gas
Shahriar “Shasha” Fesharaki, COO and Managing Director
Facts Global Energy
Richard Wallsgrove, Program Director
Blue Planet Foundation

2:45 Break

3:00 Public Sector Leadership: The Role of Hawaii’s Counties in Advancing Hawaii’s Energy Future

Mayor Alan M. Arakawa
County of Maui
Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
County of Kauai
Mayor Billy Kenoi
County of Hawaii

3:45 Project Finance: Recent Developments Shaping Commercial Development
• What Are the Cost Factors in Private Energy Projects and Public Energy Infrastructure?
• What Are the Approaches to Financing Such Projects and Infrastructure?
• What is the Role of Project Finance?
• Can Public-Private Partnerships Contribute to Such Financing?

Alan M. Schlissel, Managing Partner
Schlissel & Associates LLC
Lawrence N. Tonomura, Managing Director
Bank of America Merrill Lynch; San Francisco, CA

4:30 Innovative Clean Energy Options: Energy Entrepreneurship; Green Energy Market Securitization; Interisland Transmission; Emerging Technologies
• An Overview of Potentially Realistic Options for Hawaii’s Energy Future
• A Statewide Transmission Grid System Interconnecting All of the Islands?
• Microgrids for Selected Communities on Each Island
• Major Conversion to Electric and Hybrid Vehicles and Transportation
• Hawaii’s Role as a “Test Bed” for Energy Technology Innovation

Mark B. Glick, Administrator
Hawaii State Energy Office
Dawn Lippert, LEED AP, Director, Energy Excealerator
Pacific International Center for High Tech Research
Richard E. Rocheleau, PhD, Director
Hawaii Natural Energy Institute
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5:15 Adjourn

Upcoming Seminar Schedule
Endangered Species Act
April 9 & 10, 2015 ~ Honolulu, HI
Shoreline Regulation in Washington State: Marine Shorelines, Rivers and Lakes
May 1, 2015 ~ Seattle, WA
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Senior Vice President, Business Development & Corporate Affairs of Hawaii Gas, oversees new market development and corporate and government relations.

Mayor Alan M. Arakawa was re-elected as Maui County Mayor in 2014. His background in environmental management, coupled with his passion for sustainability, has guided him in his efforts to develop renewable energy sources in Maui County.

David Bissell, president and CEO of Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC), has more than 20 years of financial and electric utility management experience.

Joseph J. Boivin, Jr., Senior Vice President, Business Development & Corporate Affairs of Hawaii Gas, oversees new market development and corporate and government relations.

Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., County of Kauai, began his career with the county in 1985. He has immersed himself in many community efforts and leadership roles.

Commissioner Michael E. Champley, of the State of Hawaii’s Public Utility Commission, has over 40 years of experience analyzing, integrating and managing complex economic, public policy and technical issues facing the energy utility industry.

Mark Duda is President of the Hawaii PV Coalition where he develops the organization’s legislative agenda and leads its regulatory activities. He is also a founding member of Distributed Energy Partners.

Douglas A. Codiga, Program Co-Chair, a member of Schlack Ito LLC, concentrates his practice on energy and environmental law, including regulatory proceedings before the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, environmental permitting and compliance, and renewable energy project development.

Gerald A. Sumida, Program Co-Chair, is a partner with Carlsmith Ball LLP and the Chair of its Business, Corporate and Finance Group; he also leads its Renewable Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group. His energy practice encompasses developing, financing and operating energy projects, including wind, geothermal, hydroelectric, solar, waste-to-energy, biomass, ocean thermal energy conversion and wave energy projects.

Commissioner Lorraine H. Akiba was appointed to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission in January 2012 by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Senator Mike Gabbard is a Hawaii State Senator representing District 20 (West Oahu). He has been the Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee since 2009.

Mark B. Glick is Administrator of the Hawaii State Energy Office, a post he has held since October of 2011. As Administrator, he leads Hawaii’s internationally regarded clean energy program and economic transformation efforts.

Mayor Billy Kenoi, County of Hawaii, was elected mayor of Hawaii Island in 2008 in his first bid for public office and re-elected for a second term in 2012.

Neil “Dutch” Kuyper, currently serves as President and CEO of Parker Ranch, one of the largest and oldest cattle ranches in the US, headquartered in Waimea on the Big Island.

Representative Chris Lee, Hawaii State Legislature, District 51, is currently the Chair of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection (EEP).

Dawn Lippert, LEED AP, is the Director, Energy Excelerator, at Pacific International Center for High Tech Research. She is also president of WiRE (Women in Renewable Energy).

Alan M. Oshima, Hawaiian Electric Company president and CEO, has significant experience with electric, telecommunications and transportation companies, as well as water and sewer resources in Hawaii.

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Alan M. Schlissel is Managing Partner of Schlissel & Associates LLC, an accounting firm with significant practices in the renewable energy and high technology industries.

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James “Jay” Griffin, PhD, is a Chief Researcher with the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission.

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