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December 2, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of  
Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Geothermal Royalties Dispositions and Status of Geothermal and Cable System Development Fiscal Year 2019 report, as required by Sections 182-18 and 196D-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, a copy of this report has been transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau and the report may be viewed electronically at <http://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/reports-to-the-legislature/2020/EN20-Geothermal-Report-FY19.pdf>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne D. Case".

SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson

Enclosure

Report to the Thirtieth Legislature  
2020 Regular Session

**GEOHERMAL ROYALTIES DISPOSITIONS  
AND  
STATUS OF GEOHERMAL AND CABLE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2019**



Prepared by the

Department of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii

In response to  
Sections 182-18 and 196D-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes

November 2019

**GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES DISPOSITIONS  
AND  
STATUS OF GEOTHERMAL AND CABLE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2019**

This report is prepared pursuant to Sections 182-18 and 196D-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and covers the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Section 182-18, HRS – Geothermal Royalties

During Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 a total of \$6,841.00 in geothermal royalties was received from Puna Geothermal Venture (PGV). In accordance with statutory provisions, \$2,052.30 (30%) was distributed to the County of Hawaii. Additionally, \$1,368.20 (20%) was distributed to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Geothermal royalties for FY 2019 were based on power production and sale of 102770 kWh<sub>e</sub> to Hawaii Electric Light Company (HELCO) at an average production of 34.2 MW<sub>e</sub>. The PGV Power Plant was shut down on May 4, 2018 due to the eruption along the Kilauea East Rift Zone. The royalties collected here represent the first 3 days of May when the Power Plant was producing at only slightly below normal megawatt output.

Issued Permit(s)

During FY 2019, PGV applied for and received three permits to modify (clean out) existing geothermal wells. The Power Plant remained shut down at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 196D-11, HRS - Geothermal and Cable System Development

The Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for the effective management of geothermal resources and its development, to protect the health and safety of the public and to ensure the continued viability of the resource for the future. Currently, the Island of Hawaii is the only island benefiting from geothermal development. Power generation from geothermal energy began in May 1993 and until May 2018, on average, annually provided for more than 25% of the Island's power demands.

No program work was performed during the FY to effectuate the intent of this statute regarding an interisland deep water electrical transmission cable system.