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Subject: RE: Extension of Comment Period for Honolulu DEIS

Thanks for the additional information, Ray.

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Hi Susan,

Region 9 received a request from the Kamehameha Schools requesting an extension of 75 days. The schools have a potential of 15 takings of properties and impacts to over 100 properties, lessees, tenants and businesses along the alignment. Region 9 evaluated their request and determined that it was credible and 30 days would be reasonable. These schools are major land holders in Hawaii.

Please note the grantees delay in getting the document out before the election despite an agreement to the contrary during a quarterly review meeting in August. Also, this grantee is charging about \$45 per document which impedes some distribution of the document making it more difficult for some to review the document. The extra time should benefit others in the public as well.

Ray

From: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
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The FTA regional office (Region 9) decided to extend the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Honolulu rail transit project by 30 days. The Region had received formal requests from local organizations in Honolulu for an extension and also considered the fact that the comment period spans the holidays, which effectively compresses the time for local review and discourse.

The grantee has been informed of the extension. The grantee wanted to argue against it, but we informed them that we had already sent the request to EPA to announce the extension in next Friday's Federal Register. We had to notify EPA today in order to have the extension announced in next Friday's weekly notice of EIS actions.

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