

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
)
 VERIZON HAWAII INC.)
)
 For Approval to Include Funds in)
 Excess of \$500,000 in Its Rate Base)
 for the Hilo DMS-100 Trunk Addition)
 Project.)
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I.

By an application filed on April 8, 2002, VERIZON HAWAII, INC. (Applicant), requests commission approval to include \$520,600 in Applicant's rate base for a DMS-100 trunk addition in the Hilo Central Office. Applicant makes its request in accordance with Section 2.3.d.2 of General Order No. 8, *Standards for Telephone Service in the State of Hawaii* (Section 2.3.d.2) and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 6-80-90. Copies of the application were served on the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy (Consumer Advocate).

Section 2.3.d.2 provides that if the commission does not act on a public utility's application and render a decision and order within 90 days of filing, the utility will be allowed "to include the [proposed] project in its rate base without the determination by the [c]ommission required by this rule."

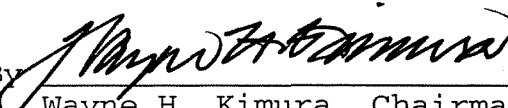
By Order No. 19461, filed on July 9, 2002, the commission granted Applicant's request to extend the Section 2.3.d.2 deadline from July 7, 2002 to August 8, 2002. However, the commission will suspend the triggering of the 90th day automatic approval provision, in order to allow the commission additional time to complete its review and investigation of Applicant's proposed project.

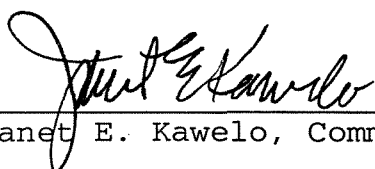
II.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Applicant's application, filed on April 8, 2002, is suspended until further order of the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 2nd day of August, 2002.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Chairman

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

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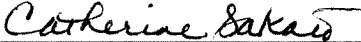

Kevin M. Katsura
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 19503 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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DATED: August 2, 2002