

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.)
For Approval to Commit Funds)
in Excess of \$500,000 for Project)
Y00027 Mokuone Substation:)
P0000563 - Mokuone 46/11.5 kV)
Substation, P0000562 - 46 kV and)
11.5 kV Lines.)

DOCKET NO. 02-0142

ORDER NO. 19547

DIV. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
DEPT. OF COMMERCE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAII

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ORDER

I.

By an application filed on June 3, 2002, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. (HECO) requests: (1) commission approval to commit approximately \$2,031,804 for Project Y00027, Mokuone Substation, which includes: (a) Component P0000563 - Mokuone 46/11.5 kV Substation and (b) Component P0000562 - 46 kV and 11.5 kV lines (hereinafter collectively referred to as proposed project), in accordance with paragraph 2.3.g.2 of the commission's General Order No. 7, Standards of Electric Utility Service in the State of Hawaii (General Order No. 7); and (2) a favorable commission determination that the 46 kV subtransmission lines be constructed above or below the surface of the ground, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 269-27.6.

HECO served copies of the application on the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Consumer Advocate).

On August 13, 2002, the Consumer Advocate issued information requests (IRs) to HECO. To date, HECO has not filed its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs with the commission.

Paragraph 2.3.g.2 of General Order No. 7 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 (90-day review period), the utility will be allowed "to include the project in its rate base without the determination by the [c]ommission required by this rule."

In this docket, the 90-day review period for the commission to take action on HECO's application will expire on September 1, 2002. By letter dated and filed on August 26, 2002, HECO requests an extension of the 90-day review period to allow HECO to file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs and to allow the Consumer Advocate sufficient time to review the proposed project and submit its statement of position.

II.

Upon our review, we find good cause to allow HECO additional time to complete and respond to certain IRs submitted by the Consumer Advocate and to also allow the Consumer Advocate additional time to review the proposed project and submit its statement of position in this docket. However, rather than extending the 90-day review period, as requested by HECO, we find that suspending the instant application and establishing a procedural schedule at this juncture will aptly aid in the efficient and timely disposition of this matter. Accordingly, we

conclude the following: (1) HECO's request for an extension of the 90-day review period should be denied; (2) HECO should file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs by September 6, 2002; (3) The Consumer Advocate should file its statement of position by October 4, 2002; and (4) HECO's application, filed on June 3, 2002, should be suspended until further order of the commission.

III.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. HECO's request for an extension of the 90-day review period, filed on August 26, 2002, is denied.

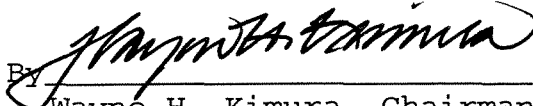
2. HECO shall file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs by September 6, 2002, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.


3. The Consumer Advocate shall file its statement of position by October 4, 2002, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

4. HECO's application, filed on June 3, 2002, is suspended until further order of the commission.

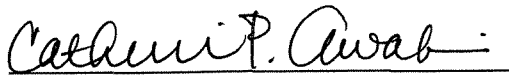
DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 30th day of August, 2002.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Chairman

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Catherine P. Awakuni
Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 19547 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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