

to HRS §§ 269-12 and 269-16.¹ As of this date, the commission has not received any motions to intervene or participate in this proceeding, pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §§ 6-61-55, 6-61-56 and 6-61-57.²

Because no persons moved to intervene or participate in this proceeding, we conclude that MLSTP and the Consumer Advocate should meet informally to formulate the issues, procedures, and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated prehearing order that shall be submitted for commission approval within 30 days from the date of this order. In the alternative, if the parties are unable to stipulate to such order, we conclude that each party shall submit a proposed prehearing order for the commission's consideration within 30 days from the date of this order.

III.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that MLSTP and the Consumer Advocate shall meet informally to formulate the issues, procedures, and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set

¹A Notice of Hearing was published statewide, in accordance with HRS §§ 269-12 and 1-28.5, on December 18 and 26, 2002 and January 2 and 8, 2003. HRS § 269-12(c) requires publication at least 21 days in advance of the hearing. The commission must follow the State Comptroller's directive in publishing the notice. HRS § 1-28.5.

²Pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 6-61-57(1), the deadline by which all interested persons desiring to file a motion to intervene or participate in this docket was January 21, 2003.

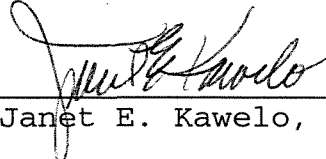
forth in a stipulated prehearing order. The stipulated prehearing order shall be submitted for commission approval within 30 days of this order. If the parties to this docket are unable to stipulate to such an order, each party shall submit a proposed prehearing order for the commission's consideration by the same date. In determining the above-requested procedural schedule, the parties shall consider the following:

The parties to this docket shall submit a settlement agreement, if any, to the commission for its review, at least three weeks prior to any evidentiary hearing that may be held with respect to this docket.


DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 29th day of January, 2003.


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Chairman

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By 
Gregg J. Kinkley, Commissioner


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 19990 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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