

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
)
 MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED)
)
 For Approval to Commit Funds in)
 Excess of \$500,000 for Item)
 M0000482, Purchase of a GE LM2500PE)
 Engine for Use as a Spare.)
 _____)

DOCKET NO. 03-0178

DIV. OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAII

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ORDER NO. 20434

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Karen Higashi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy
KAREN HIGASHI
Chief Clerk, Public Utilities
Commission, State of Hawaii.
K. Higashi

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 MECO's application will expire on September 17, 2003.

On September 11, 2003, MECO filed a letter requesting the extension of the 90-day Review Period until October 31, 2003 to allow additional time for the filing of MECO's responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs, the Consumer Advocate's statement of position, and the commission's decision on this matter.

II.

Upon our review, we find good cause to allow MECO additional time to complete and respond to the IRs submitted by the Consumer Advocate and also to allow the Consumer Advocate additional time to review the Proposed Project, serve supplemental IRs upon MECO, if it deems necessary, and submit its statement of position in this docket. Further, we find that 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) MECO should file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs by September 19, 2003; (2) The Consumer Advocate should file its statement of position no later

than by October 20, 2003; and (3) the 90-day Review Period for MECO's application, filed on June 19, 2003, should be extended until October 31, 2003.

III.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. MECO shall file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs by September 19, 2003, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

2. The Consumer Advocate shall file its statement of position by October 20, 2003, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

3. The 90-day Review Period for MECO's application, filed on June 19, 2003, is extended until October 31, 2003.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 12th day of September, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By Wayne H. Kimura
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By (EXCUSED)
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

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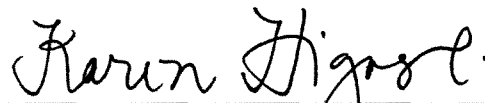
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20434 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: September 12, 2003