

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
)
 HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.)
)
 For Approval of Changes in its)
 Depreciation Rates and Approval of)
 Vintage Amortization Accounting.)
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DOCKET NO. 02-0391

ORDER NO. 20745

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

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Commission, State of Hawaii.

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I.

Introduction

The commission amended the schedule of proceedings for this docket by Order No. 20638, filed on November 14, 2003.¹ Pursuant to Order No. 20638, the parties to this docket, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") and the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate") (collectively, the "Parties"), were to notify the commission on December 22, 2003 either that a settlement agreement has been reached or that a settlement agreement could not be reached and that an evidentiary hearing is requested. On December 22, 2003, the Parties wrote to the commission jointly requesting an extension of time until January 16, 2004, to advise the commission of the outcome of their settlement discussions.

¹The commission approved Stipulated Prehearing Order No. 20162 on April 29, 2003, which established, among other things, the schedule of proceedings for this docket.

Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-23(a)(1) provides the commission with the discretion, for good cause shown, to enlarge a period by which a required act must be completed, if a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed. The commission finds good cause in this instance to enlarge the deadline by which the Parties must advise the commission of their settlement discussions.

II.

Order

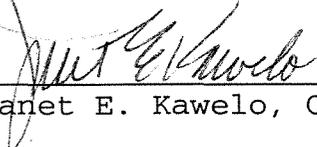
THE COMMISSION ORDERS that the Parties' joint request for an extension of time until January 16, 2004 to notify the commission either that a settlement agreement has been reached or that a settlement agreement could not be reached and that the Parties request an evidentiary hearing is granted, pursuant to HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1).

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 8th day of January, 2004.

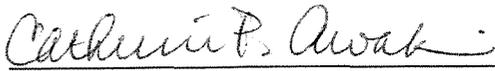
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
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By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Catherine P. Awakuni
Commission Counsel
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

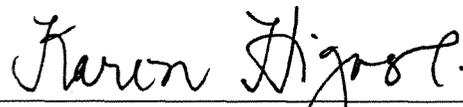
I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20745 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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DATED: January 8, 2004