

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 Project)
M0000 410, Launiupoko 69 kV Line)
Relocation, Relocation of an)
Existing Overhead Transmission)
System.)

DOCKET NO. 03-0396

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

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I.

Request for Commission Approval to Commit Funds

By an application filed on March 8, 2001, MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO") requests commission approval to commit approximately \$1,672,591 for Project M0000410, Launiupoko 69 kV Line Relocation, Relocation of an Existing Overhead Transmission System ("Proposed Project"). MECO's request is made pursuant to paragraph 2.3.g.2 of the commission's General Order No. 7 (G.O. No. 7), Standards for Electric Utility Service in the State of Hawaii.

MECO served copies of the application on the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (Consumer Advocate). On January 16, 2004, the Consumer Advocate issued information requests ("IRs") to MECO. On February 6, 2004, MECO provided responses to the IRs.

II.

Request for Extension

By letter dated and filed with the commission on February 9, 2004, MECO requests an extension of the G.O. No. 7, section 2.3.g.2 requirement that the commission "render a decision within 90 days of filing by the utility" ("90-day Period"), until March 22, 2004.¹ MECO makes its request to allow additional time for the Consumer Advocate to file its statement of position, and for the commission to render a final decision and order in this proceeding.

We find good cause to grant MECO's request for an extension of the 90-day Period. The commission concludes, thus, that the 90-day Period should be extended from February 18, 2004, to March 22, 2004.

III.

Order

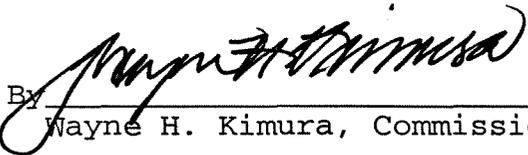
THE COMMISSION ORDERS that MECO's request for an extension of the G.O. No. 7 section 2.3.g.2 requirement, from February 18, 2004, to March 22, 2004, filed on February 9, 2004, is approved.

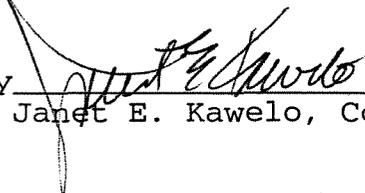
¹Pursuant to G.O. No. 7 section 2.3.g.2, the 90th day from the filing of the application is February 18, 2004.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 12th day of February,
2004.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Benedyne S. Stone
Commission Counsel

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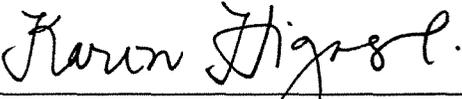
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20802 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: February 12, 2004