

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)
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New Dispatch Center (Which Includes)
A New Energy Management System).)

DOCKET NO. 03-0360

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

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ORDER

I.

Background

The parties to this docket are HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") and the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate" or "CA") (collectively, the "Parties").

The commission issued Stipulated Procedural Order No. 20715 on December 15, 2003, governing the issues, proceedings, and all other procedural matters in this docket ("Procedural Order"). The Consumer Advocate, pursuant to the Procedural Order, was scheduled to file its Statement of Position ("SOP") on February 9, 2004. The Consumer Advocate, however, filed a letter on February 9, 2004, requesting that the deadline to file its SOP be extended to March 12, 2004; and requests that the proceedings' subsequent deadlines also be extended (collectively, "Extension Request").

II.

Extension Request

The Consumer Advocate states that additional time is needed to address the concerns that it has with the instant project. It requests that the deadlines of the schedule of proceedings for this docket be extended as follows ("Revised Filing Deadlines):

CA SOP	March 12, 2004
HECO Information Requests ("IRs"), if necessary ¹	March 24, 2004
CA IR Responses, if HECO IRs filed	April 8, 2004
HECO Reply SOP	April 30, 2004

The Consumer Advocate informs us that HECO does not object to its Extension Request.

III.

Discussion

Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-23(a)(1) allows the commission, at its discretion, to enlarge the period of time for any act that is required to be done on a showing of good cause when a written request for the enlargement of time is filed before the expiration of the originally prescribed period.

The rationale provided for the Extension Request appears reasonable. We find good cause to grant the Extension Request, under HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1), and conclude that the

¹If the CA objects to the approval of the application, or requests that approval be subject to conditions. This notation applies to all subsequent deadlines.

Extension Request should be approved. Accordingly, we also conclude that the Procedural Order should be amended to reflect the Revised Filing Deadlines as set forth in section II of this order. In all other respects, the Procedural Order should remain unchanged.

IV.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

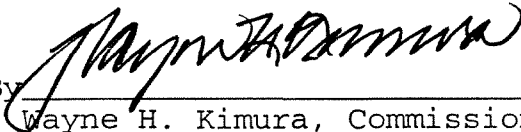
1. The Extension Request, filed by the Consumer Advocate on February 9, 2004, is approved.

2. The Procedural Order is amended to reflect the Revised Filing Deadlines as set forth in section II of this order. In all other respects, the Procedural Order remains unchanged.

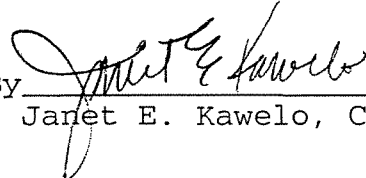
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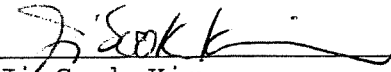
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By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By 
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20807 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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