

extension until March 18, 2004 of the Order No. 20771 requirement that it and the Consumer Advocate submit a stipulated prehearing order by February 19, 2004. The request was made to allow HECO additional time to incorporate into the procedural schedule the preparation and submission of an Environmental Assessment, and to discuss the schedule for this proceeding with the Consumer Advocate.

II.

Discussion

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 HECO's application will expire on March 17, 2004.

We find good cause to allow HECO and the Consumer Advocate additional time to determine the issues, procedures, and schedule of proceeding. Further, we find that suspending 90-day review period for the instant application is necessary to allow the commission, HECO, the Consumer Advocate, and any intervenors and/or participants that may be allowed participation in this docket to complete a thorough review of the instant application. Accordingly, we conclude: (1) HECO's request

for an extension of time until March 18, 2004, should be granted; and (2) the 90-day review period for HECO's application, filed on December 18, 2003, should be suspended until further order of the commission.

III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. HECO's request for extension of time until March 18, 2004 to file a stipulated prehearing order with the Consumer Advocate is granted.

2. The 90-day review period of HECO's application, filed on December 18, 2003, is suspended until further order of the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 10th day of March, 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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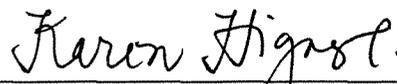
I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20845 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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