

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.)
for Approval to Defer Certain)
Computer Software Development)
Costs for Item P0000828, Outage)
Management System, to Accumulate)
an Allowance for Funds Used During)
Construction During the Deferral)
Period, to Amortize the Deferred)
Costs, and to Include the)
Unamortized Deferred Costs in)
Rate Base.)

DOCKET NO. 04-0131

ORDER NO. 21123

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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ORDER

I.

Introduction

By an application filed on May 28, 2004, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") requests commission approval to defer certain computer software development costs for Item P0000828, Installation of an Outage Management System, to accumulate an allowance for funds used during construction ("AFUDC") during the deferral period, to amortize the deferred costs, including the AFUDC, over a 10-year period, and to include the unamortized deferred costs (including AFUDC) in rate base.

Applicant served copies of the application on the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate"), an *ex officio* party to this docket, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-51. On June 18, 2004,

the Consumer Advocate filed a preliminary statement of position with the commission stating that it would be issuing information requests to HECO in the instant docket.

II.

Discussion

The commission believes that the establishment of a procedural schedule at this juncture will aid in the efficient and timely disposition of this matter. Thus, we conclude that HECO and the Consumer Advocate should meet informally to formulate the issues, procedures, and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated prehearing order that shall be submitted for commission approval within 30 days from the date of this order. In the alternative, if the parties are unable to stipulate to such order, we conclude that each party shall submit a proposed prehearing order for the commission's consideration within 30 days from the date of this order.

III.

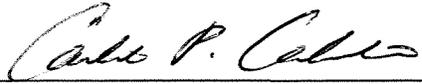
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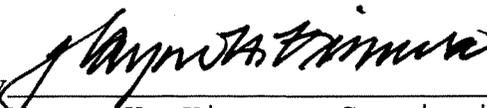
THE COMMISSION ORDERS that HECO and the Consumer Advocate shall meet informally to formulate the issues, procedures, and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated prehearing order. The stipulated prehearing order shall be submitted for commission approval within 30 days of this order. If HECO and the Consumer Advocate are unable to stipulate to such

an order, each party shall submit a proposed prehearing order for the commission's consideration by the same date.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 16th day of July, 2004.

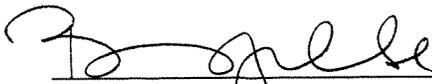
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By 
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By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21123 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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