

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)
 Excess of \$500,000 for)
 Item P0000939, the Waiiau CT)
 Separation Project.)
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DOCKET NO. 04-0104

ORDER NO. 21223

Filed August 6, 2004
At 10 o'clock A.M.

Haron Higashi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

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

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ORDER

I.

Application

By application filed on May 13, 2004, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") requests commission approval to commit approximately \$602,822 for Item P0000939, the installation of the Waiiau CT Separation project ("Proposed Project"). HECO makes its request 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.

HECO served copies of the application on the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate") (together with HECO, "Parties"). On May 28, 2004, the Consumer Advocate filed a preliminary statement of position stating that it had certain concerns regarding the Proposed Project. On June 25, 2004, the Consumer Advocate issued information requests ("IRs") to HECO, to which HECO filed responses on July 21, 2004. By Order No. 21115, filed on July 12, 2004, in

this docket, the commission ordered the Parties to file a stipulated prehearing order ("Stipulated Order") to set forth the issues, procedures and schedule for the instant proceeding. The Parties were ordered to file the Stipulated Order within thirty (30) days of July 12, 2004, i.e., by August 11, 2004.

II.

Discussion

Section 2.3.g.2 of G.O. 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 ("G.O. No. 7 Deadline"), the utility will be allowed "to include the project in its rate base without the determination by the [c]ommission required by this rule."

We note that the period for the commission to take action on HECO's application expires on August 10, 2004.

In light of this G.O. No. 7 Deadline, and the Stipulated Order to be filed by the Parties on or before August 11, 2004, the commission will suspend the G.O. No. 7 Deadline, to give the Parties and the commission additional time to complete their review and investigation of HECO's Proposed Project.


III.


Order

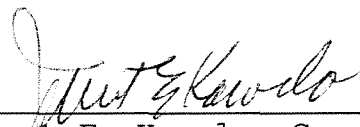
THE COMMISSION ORDERS that HECO's application, filed on May 13, 2004, is suspended until further order of the commission.

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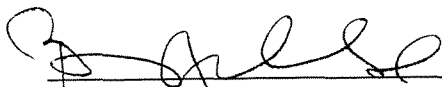
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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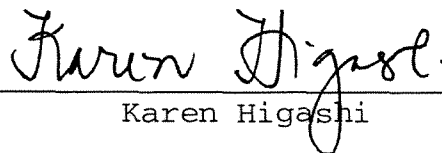
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21223 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: AUG 06 2004