

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
PUHI SEWER & WATER CO., INC.)
For Approval of Changes to its)
Tariff. Transmittal No. 04-01.)

DOCKET NO. 04-0304

ORDER NO. 21420

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

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I.

Background

PUHI SEWER & WATER CO., INC. ("Puhi"), by Transmittal No. 04-01, filed on September 21, 2004, seeks to revise Exhibit B of its tariff to reflect the use of its new service application forms for its residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Exhibit B, entitled "Service Application and Connection Agreement," is the form that a prospective customer must complete prior to receiving wastewater utility service from Puhi.

Puhi makes its request in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-16 and Hawaii Administrative Rule ("HAR") § 6-61-111. Puhi proposes an effective date of October 21, 2004.

Puhi served copies of its application upon the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"). On September 27, 2004, the Consumer Advocate issued information requests to Puhi, which Puhi responded to on October 1, 2004. On October 5, 2004, the

Consumer Advocate filed its position statement, stating that it does not object to the commission's approval of Transmittal No. 04-01, subject to certain revisions agreed upon by Puhi and the Consumer Advocate.

II.

Transmittal No. 04-01, as Amended

Puhi proposes certain revisions to its Exhibit B that:

1. Create separate application forms for commercial and industrial customers;
2. Reflect Puhi's current tariff sheets and rate schedules filed on August 19, 2004, in connection with Puhi's recently completed rate case;¹
3. Reflect Puhi's current contact information;
4. Require each prospective customer to provide certain information that would be useful for Puhi's planning purposes, such as the number and types of fixtures and the maximum number of persons who will use the fixtures on a regular basis; and
5. Notify a prospective customer of certain rights and obligations that are reflected in Puhi's tariff, and to secure the prospective customer's agreement to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in Puhi's tariff prior to receiving utility service.

¹See Decision and Order No. 21312, filed on August 17, 2004, in Docket No. 03-0383.

Puhi represents that its proposed revisions clarify and update Exhibit B, "and as such will not result in any change in [its] currently approved procedures or rates and will not impact [its] customers or operations."²

The Consumer Advocate, in its information requests, proposes certain changes to Puhi's Transmittal No. 04-01, to further clarify Exhibit B and make it consistent with other provisions set forth in Puhi's tariff. Puhi, in its responses thereto, agrees to the Consumer Advocate's proposed changes. Accordingly, the Consumer Advocate, in its position statement: (1) sets forth the agreed upon changes; and (2) notes that, consistent with Puhi's responses, Puhi agrees to the proposed changes.

The commission: (1) finds that Transmittal No. 04-01, as amended, is just and reasonable; and (2) will allow Transmittal No. 04-01 to take effect, as amended, effective from October 21, 2004. See HRS § 269-16(a) and (b) and HAR § 6-61-111.

III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Transmittal No. 04-01, as amended, will be allowed to take effect, effective from October 21, 2004.


2. Within three (3) business days from the date of this Order, Puhi Sewer & Water Co., Inc. shall file its revised

²Puhi's Transmittal No. 04-01, at 3.

tariff sheets incorporating the agreed-upon revisions to Transmittal No. 04-01, with two (2) copies served upon the Consumer Advocate.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii OCT 19 2004.


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
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By (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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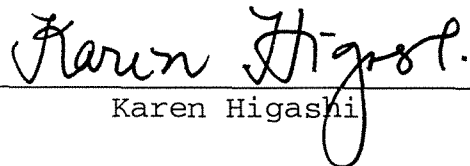
I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21420 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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