

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)  
THE GAS COMPANY, LLC )  
For Approval of a New Utility )  
Residential Rate on the island of )  
Lanai, Maui Division. )  
Transmittal No. 05-02. )  
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DOCKET NO. 05-0131

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ORDER

The commission suspends Transmittal No. 05-02, filed on May 12, 2005, by THE GAS COMPANY, LLC ("TGC").<sup>1</sup>

I.

Background

TGC proposes to amend its rate schedule for the purpose of providing gas utility service to residential customers on the island of Lanai, by Transmittal No. 05-02. TGC makes its request in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §§ 269-12(b) and 269-16(b) and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-111. TGC proposes an effective date of June 13, 2005.

TGC served copies of its transmittal upon the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"). The deadline for the Consumer Advocate to timely protest or object to TGC's

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<sup>1</sup>TGC's Transmittal No. 05-02, Exhibits A to E, and Certificate of Service (collectively, "Transmittal No. 05-02").

transmittal is May 31, 2005, in accordance with HAR §§ 6-61-22 and 6-61-61.

The Consumer Advocate requests an extension of time, from May 31, 2005 to June 3, 2005, to file a protest or its statement of position, stating that it "has not been able to complete its analysis due to its existing work in other docketed matters[.]"<sup>2</sup> The Consumer Advocate: (1) represents that TGC does not object to the request for additional time;<sup>3</sup> and (2) makes its request pursuant to HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1).

The commission suspends TGC's transmittal, in accordance with HRS § 269-16(b) and HAR § 6-61-111, in order to provide the Consumer Advocate with additional time to file its protest or position statement. The Consumer Advocate shall file its protest or position statement by June 3, 2005, with TGC's response due by June 15, 2005.

## II.

### Orders

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. TGC's Transmittal No. 05-02, filed on May 12, 2005, is suspended.

2. The Consumer Advocate shall file its protest or position statement by June 3, 2005, with TGC's response due by June 15, 2005.


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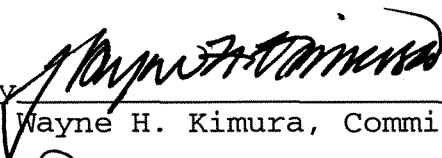
<sup>2</sup>Consumer Advocate's letter, dated May 27, 2005, at 1.

<sup>3</sup>Id.

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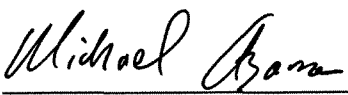
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By   
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21848 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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