

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of )  
MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED )  
For Approval of Recovery of 2007 IRP )  
Planning Costs Through the Company's )  
IRP Cost Recovery Provision. )  
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DOCKET No. 2006-0393

ORDER NO. 23101

Filed Dec. 4, 2006  
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Karen Higashi  
Chief Clerk of the Commission

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DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND  
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ORDER

By this Order, the commission instructs MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO") and the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate") to submit a stipulated procedural order for the commission's review and approval within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order.<sup>1</sup> Alternatively, in the absence of such an order, each Party shall submit a proposed procedural order for the commission's consideration by the same date.

I.

Background

On September 29, 2006, MECO filed an Application with the commission that requests commission approval for MECO to recover the incremental 2007 integrated resource plan ("IRP") planning costs through the company's IRP cost recovery provision. MECO filed its Application pursuant to Amended Decision and

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<sup>1</sup>MECO and the Consumer Advocate are jointly referred to as the "Parties." No persons moved to intervene or participate in this docket.

Order No. 16922, filed on April 6, 1999, in Docket No. 97-0346 (MECO's 1999 rate case), and Paragraph II.B.7 of the Framework for Integrated Resource Planning (rev. May 22, 1992), issued in Decision and Order No. 11630, filed on May 22, 1992, in Docket No. 6617.

MECO states that the 2007 incremental budget estimate for IRP planning costs that will not be recovered through base rates is equal to \$830,148.<sup>2</sup> MECO also states that it will provide "an accounting of its recorded IRP general planning expenditures, including documentation for the recorded expenditures[,] together with a report of the variance between the budget and actual expenditures, by March 31, 2008."<sup>3</sup> MECO proposes to recover the actual 2007 IRP planning costs through the company's IRP cost recovery provision over a twelve month period, commencing in the month following the filing of the aforementioned report.<sup>4</sup> MECO agrees to refund to its respective customers, with interest, any previously recovered 2007 IRP planning costs subsequently disallowed by the commission in its final Decision and Order in this proceeding.<sup>5</sup>

In order to facilitate the resolution of this docket, the commission hereby instructs MECO and the Consumer Advocate to submit a stipulated procedural order for the commission's review and approval within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order.

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<sup>2</sup>See Application at 4.

<sup>3</sup>Application at 12.

<sup>4</sup>See Application at 12-13.

<sup>5</sup>See Application at 13.

Alternatively, in the absence of such an order, each Party shall submit a proposed procedural order for the commission's consideration by the same date.

II.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, the Parties shall submit to the commission a stipulated procedural order, incorporating their agreed upon schedule with respect to this proceeding. If they are unable to stipulate to such an order, each Party shall submit a proposed procedural order for the commission's consideration by the same date.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii DEC - 4 2006.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By John E. Cole  
John E. Cole, Commissioner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 23101 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

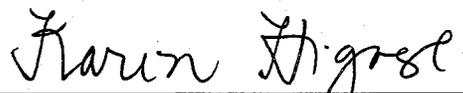
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