BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

----In the Matter of----

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 2008-0069

Instituting a Proceeding to
Investigate the Calculation of
Schedule Q Payment Rates

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO SUSPEND DOCKET
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By this Order, the commission approves the request jointly filed by the Parties\(^1\) on November 6, 2008, to suspend this docket for a period of twelve months ("Suspension Request").

I. Suspension Request

In the Suspension Request, the Parties requested that the commission suspend this docket for a period of twelve months, in light of the agreements reached in the "Energy Agreement Among the State of Hawaii, Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Hawaiian Electric Companies" dated October 20, 2008 ("Energy Agreement"), and the commission’s opening of Docket No. 2008-0273 to investigate the implementation of feed-in tariffs. The Parties

\(^1\)The parties to this docket are: HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC., HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC., MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LTD. (collectively, "HECO Companies"), the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate"), an ex officio party pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-61-62, and KAUAI ISLAND UTILITY COOPERATIVE (collectively, "Parties").
explained that the parties to the Energy Agreement\textsuperscript{2} agreed therein to implement feed-in tariffs as a method for accelerating the acquisition of renewable energy in Hawaii, and to request a suspension of this docket for a period of twelve months, with a goal of reviewing the necessity of the docket.\textsuperscript{3} The Parties maintain:

Suspension of Docket No. 2008-0069 would allow for the conservation of limited resources while the necessity of the Schedule Q investigation proceeding is evaluated in light of the numerous commitments made in the Energy Agreement to increasing renewable energy in Hawaii, including but not limited to the Commission's opening of Docket No. 2008-0273. Suspension of Docket No. 2008-0069 will also assist in insuring that the Energy Agreement is implemented as a coherent whole, taking into account the many and comprehensive commitments made by the HCEI Parties.\textsuperscript{4}

Upon review, the Suspension Request appears reasonable in light of the commission's pending investigation of feed-in tariffs in Docket No. 2008-0273, and the agreements reached in the Energy Agreement. The commission accordingly grants the Suspension Request and orders that this docket be suspended for a period of twelve months, effective from the date of filing of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

\textsuperscript{2}The parties to the Energy Agreement are: the HECO Companies, the Consumer Advocate, and the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

\textsuperscript{3}See Suspension Request at 3 (citing Energy Agreement at 17).

\textsuperscript{4}Suspension Request at 3.
II.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The Parties' Suspension Request is granted.

2. This docket shall be suspended for a period of twelve months, effective from the date of filing of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii NOV 28 2008

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By: Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman
By: John E. Cole, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Leslie H. Kondo, Commissioner

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