

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
)
 WAIKOLOA RESORT UTILITIES, INC.,)
 dba WEST HAWAII UTILITY COMPANY)
)
 For Approval to Increase Rates.)
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DOCKET NO. 2006-0409

ORDER NO. 24161

Filed April 23, 2008
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By this Order, the commission closes this docket.¹

I.

Closing of the Docket

On December 21, 2007, the commission issued Interim Decision and Order No. 23925, which approved on an interim basis an increase of \$1,146,512, or approximately 27 percent over revenues at present rates for WHUC, based on a total revenue requirement of \$5,314,163 for the 2007 calendar test year, and a rate of return of 8.94 percent. Specifically, the commission approved, on an interim basis: (1) an across-the-board increase in WHUC's water rates of 16.5 percent; and (2) an across-the-board increase in WHUC's sewer rates of 42 percent, under the first phase of a proposed two-step phase in. The

¹The Parties in this proceeding are WAIKOLOA RESORT UTILITIES, INC., dba WEST HAWAII UTILITY COMPANY ("WHUC"), and the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, an ex officio party, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-61-62(a).

commission also approved "a decrease in WHUC's non-potable irrigation service charge of [13.3] percent."²

On December 31, 2007, WHUC's interim rates took effect, consistent with Interim Decision and Order No. 23925.

On March 10, 2008, the commission issued Decision and Order No. 24085, which approved on a final basis the increase in rates granted by the commission in Interim Decision and Order No. 23925; subject to a further increase in WHUC's sewer rates, ranging from approximately 27 percent to 30 percent, no earlier than six months from the date of Decision and Order No. 24085, as part of the second phase of the proposed two-step phase-in of WHUC's sewer rates. Accordingly, as instructed by the commission in Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of Decision and Order No. 24085:

The changes in WHUC's rates (water, sewer, and irrigation) that were initially approved by the commission in Interim Decision and Order No. 23925, will remain in effect, provided that WHUC shall file its revised rate schedules with the commission by March 27, 2008, with the applicable issued and effective dates, and serve copies upon the Consumer Advocate. The revised rate schedules shall clearly identify an effective date for the second increase in WHUC's sewer rates, which will take effect no earlier than six months following the issuance of this Decision and Order.

Decision and Order No. 24085, filed on March 10, 2008, Ordering Paragraph No. 3, at 52-53:

On March 27, 2008, WHUC timely filed its revised rate schedules, in compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of Decision and Order No. 24085. The revised rate schedules: (1) incorporate the water, sewer, and irrigation rates approved

²Interim Decision and Order No. 23925, at 2 (footnote and text therein omitted).

by the commission in Decision and Order No. 24085; and (2) for the second increase in WHSC's sewer rates, sets forth an effective date of October 20, 2008, which is more than six months from the date of Decision and Order No. 24085 (March 10, 2008). The commission acknowledges the receipt of WHUC's revised rate schedules, and hereby closes this docket.

II.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

This docket is closed unless ordered otherwise by the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii APR 23 2008.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

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John E. Cole, Commissioner

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Leslie H. Kondo, Commissioner

2006-0409.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 24161 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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