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July 13, 1993

Mr. Brian Choy, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 S. King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Choy:

**Subject: Direct Sale of Utility Easement at Haina, Hamakua, Hawai'i
Tax Map Key:3rd/4-5-10:91 (portion)
Applicants: Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc. and GTE Hawaiian Telephone Co., Inc.**

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and Chapter 200 of Title 11, Administrative Rules, a Final Environmental Assessment has been prepared for the subject project.

Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the project was published in the November 8, 1992 OEQC Bulletin. No comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

As the proposing agency, we are forwarding herewith, one copy of the OEQC Bulletin Publication form, and four copies of the Final Environmental Assessment. We have determined that there will be no significant impacts as a result of the project and, therefore, are filing the Final Environmental Assessment as a negative declaration. We respectfully request that public notice of the Final Environmental Assessment be published in the next scheduled OEQC Bulletin.

Very truly yours,
Keith W. Ahue
KEITH W. AHUE
Chairperson

c: Hawai'i Land Board Member
Land Management Administrator
Hawai'i District Land Office
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FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR NEW HONOKAA EXTENDED CARE
FACILITIES, D.A.G.S. JOB NO. 11-20-4094

I. APPLICANT

Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 1027
Hilo, HI 96721

APPROVING AGENCY

Division of Land Management
Department of Land and
Natural Resources

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- A. Location State land leased to the County of Hawaii, Executive Order 3043, "Elderly Housing Site", situated at Honokaa, Hamakua, Hawaii, identified by Tax Map Key No. 4-5-10:Parcel 91.
- B. Proposed Action Utilization of a perpetual easement for pole, anchor, and overhead conductors per Drawing No. 91-B-1110.
- C. Remarks The applicant is requesting the easement for pole and anchor relocation to accommodate proposed road improvements for the new Honokaa Extended Care Facility, D.A.G.S. Job No. 11-20-4094.

III. DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

- A. Existing Use Open land.
- B. Topography and Soils The terrain slopes down from Plumeria Road and towards the ocean. The soil is dirt.
- C. Flora and Fauna The vegetation is weeds and clumps of uncultivated sugar cane. No faunae were observed.
- D. Drainage The average rainfall is 88.6 inches annually with no evidence of drainage problems.
- E. Historic and Archaeological The field survey by the applicant found no structures or features of historical and/or archaeological significance in the area.
- F. Surrounding Land Use Honokaa Hospital is on the makai side of the property; cane land on the mauka. Across the street are a cemetery and a residential subdivision mauka of the cemetery.
- G. Utilities and Services There are electric, telephone and water utilities located within the Plumeria Road right-of-way.

IV. PROBABLE IMPACTS

- A. Short Term - Temporary impact will be possible traffic inconvenience during construction.
- B. Long Term - None

V. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

None.

VI. IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

None.

VII. MITIGATING MEASURES

Conformity Relocation of the pole and anchor shall conform to all governmental rules and regulations.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on the analysis presented in the assessment, the proposed action will not pose any significant adverse environmental impacts.

IX. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

No comments were received during the 30-day review period regarding the proposed action.

ADDENDUM

Agencies Consulted:

Planning Department, County of Hawaii
Department of Public Works, County of Hawaii
Department of Water Supply, County of Hawaii
Department of Health, Honoka'a Hospital
State Historic Preservation Division

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