

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.)
For Approval to Commit Funds in)
Excess of \$500,000 for)
Item P9539000, the Kahe 3)
Boiler Control System Project.)
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DOCKET NO. 02-0206

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I.

By an application filed on August 2, 2002, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. (HECO) requests commission approval to commit approximately \$2,441,876 for Item P9539000, the installation of the Kahe 3 Boiler Control System (proposed project). HECO's request is made pursuant to paragraph 2.3.g.2 of the commission's General Order No. 7, (G.O. No. 7) Standards for Electric Utility Service in the State of Hawaii.

HECO served copies of the application on the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Consumer Advocate). On October 3, 2002, the Consumer Advocate issued information requests (IRs) to HECO.

Section 2.3.g.2 of G.O. No. 7 provides that if the commission does not act on a public utility's application and render a decision and order within 90 days of filing, the utility

will be allowed "to include the project in its rate base without the determination by the [c]ommission required by this rule."

We note that the 90-day period for the commission to take action on HECO's application expires on or about October 31, 2002 (G.O. 7 deadline). By letter dated and filed on October 18, 2002, HECO requests an extension, until November 15, 2002, of the 90-day review period to allow the Consumer Advocate additional time to review the proposed project.

II.

In light of the Consumer Advocate's information requests to HECO, the impending G.O. No. 7 deadline, and HECO's request for an extension of this deadline, the commission finds good cause to extend the G.O. No. 7 deadline from October 31, 2002, to November 15, 2002. In addition, to ensure the timely and efficient disposition of this matter, we conclude that: (1) HECO should file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs by November 1, 2002; and (2) the Consumer Advocate should file its statement of position by November 8, 2002.

III.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

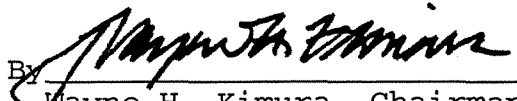
1. HECO's request for an extension of the G.O. No. 7, deadline, from October 31, 2002 to November 15, 2002, is granted.

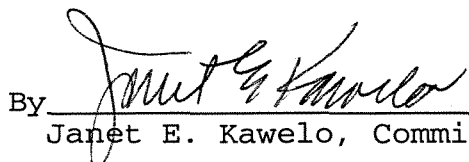
2. HECO shall file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs by November 1, 2002.

3. The Consumer Advocate shall file its statement of position by November 8, 2002.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 24th day of October, 2002.


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Chairman

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

By (RECUSED)
Gregg J. Kinkley, Commissioner

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. 19727 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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DATED: October 24, 2002