BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)

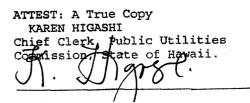
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

For Approval to Commit Funds in) Excess of \$500,000 for Item Y00035,) the Honolulu 9 HP/LP Turbine) Blading Project.

DOCKET NO. 03-0006

ORDER NO. 20112

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Docket No. 03-0006 Order No. 20112

<u>ORDER</u>

I.

application filed 9, By on January 2003. HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. (HECO) requests commission approval to commit approximately \$2,199,200 to undertake and complete the Honolulu unit 9 HP/LP Turbine Blading project (project). HECO makes its request in accordance with Section 2.3.g.2 of General Order No. 7 (G.O. No. 7), Standards for Electric Utility Service in the State of Hawaii.

application served Copies of the were on the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy (Consumer Advocate). On February 5, 2003, the Consumer Advocate filed its initial position statement, stating its intent to participate in this proceeding.

Section 2.3.g.2 of General Order No. 7 provides that if the commission does not act on an electric 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." The 90-day period for the commission to take action on HECO's application expires on or about April 9, 2003. Given this impending date, the commission will suspend the triggering of the 90th day automatic approval provision, in order to allow the commission additional time to complete its review and investigation of HECO's proposed project.

II.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that HECO's application, filed on January 9, 2003, is suspended until further order of the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 7th day of April, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Kimura. Chairman

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Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Michael Azama Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing <u>Order No. 20112</u> 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: April 7, 2003