BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY,
dba THE GAS COMPANY

For Approval of Changes to its
Tariff, and New Forms of Contracts.
Transmittal No. 01-01.

DOCKET NO. 01-0048

ORDER

Filed April 21, 2003
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Chief Clerk of the Commission

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KAREN HIGASHI
In the Matter of the Application of)
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, )
dba THE GAS COMPANY )
Docket No. 01-0048
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Order No. 20136
Transmittal No. 01-01. )

ORDER

I.

By Transmittal No. 01-01, filed on January 16, 2001, CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, dba THE GAS COMPANY (TGC), proposed: (1) various revisions to its tariff rules that did not affect its rates, fees, or revenues: and (2) the adoption of two form contracts. With the exception of TGC's revisions to its Rule 5(A), the commission allowed TGC's proposed revisions to take effect, by Decision and Order No. 18481, filed on April 12, 2001. The commission deferred action on TGC's proposed changes to Rule 5(A), pending further review.

II.

TGC proposes to revise its Rule 5(A) as follows:

1. By stating that one method of establishing credit is through proof of established credit with another utility or institution.

2. By adding a new method of establishing credit, known as the surepay, automatic debit option.
As the commission noted in Decision and Order No. 18481, "TGC's proposed revisions to Rule 5(A) reflect a general departure from the commission's General Order No. 9." Upon further review, the commission's position has not changed.

Accordingly, the commission finds that, under the circumstances, it is more appropriate to review TGC's proposed revisions to Rule 5(A) as part of the administrative rulemaking process. Thus, the commission will dismiss, without prejudice, TGC's proposed revisions to Rule 5(A).¹

III.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. TGC's proposed revisions to its Rule 5(A) are dismissed without prejudice.

2. This docket is closed.

¹As previously noted, all of the other revisions and changes proposed by TGC were allowed to take effect by Decision and Order No. 18481.
DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 21st day of April, 2003.

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:

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 Order No. 20136 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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