

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)
P0000423, Kailua Road Underground)
Conversion.)

DOCKET NO. 03-0036

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ORDER

I.

By an application filed on February 13, 2003, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. (HECO) requests commission approval to commit approximately \$1,284,885 for Item P0000423, Kailua Underground Conversion (proposed project), in accordance with paragraph 2.3.g.2 of the commission's General Order No. 7, Standards of Electric Utility Service in the State of Hawaii (General Order No. 7).

HECO served copies of the application on the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Consumer Advocate). On March 6, 2003, the Consumer Advocate filed its preliminary statement of position, which stated that it has questions relating to the proposed project.

On March 31, 2003, the Consumer Advocate issued information requests (IRs) to HECO. To date, HECO has not filed its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs with the commission.

Paragraph 2.3.g.2 of General Order 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 (90-day review period), the utility will be allowed "to include the project in its rate base without the determination by the [c]ommission required by this rule."

In this docket, the 90-day review period for the commission to take action on HECO's application will expire on May 14, 2003.

II.

Upon our review, we find good cause to allow HECO additional time to complete and respond to certain IRs submitted by the Consumer Advocate and to also allow the Consumer Advocate additional time to review the proposed project, serve supplemental IRs upon HECO, if it deems necessary, and submit its statement of position in this docket. Further, we find that suspending the instant application and establishing a procedural schedule at this juncture will aptly aid in the efficient and timely disposition of this matter. Accordingly, we conclude the following: (1) HECO should file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs by May 9, 2003; (2) The Consumer Advocate should file its statement of position no later than by July 9, 2003; and (3) HECO's application, filed on February 13, 2003, should be suspended until further order of the commission.

III.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. HECO shall file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs by May 9, 2003, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

2. The Consumer Advocate shall file its statement of position by July 9, 2003, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

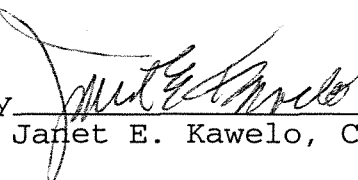
3. HECO's application, filed on February 13, 2003, is suspended until further order of the commission.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Catherine P. Awakuni
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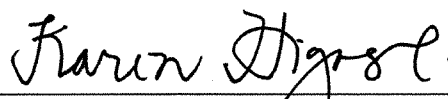
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20173 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: May 7, 2003