BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Request of)

H. HACKFELD & CO., LTD., dba EAST KAUAI WATER COMPANY

To Voluntarily Surrender its Operating Authority. DOCKET NO. 03-0170

<u>ORDER NO.</u> 20229

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ATTEST: A True Copy KAREN HIGASHI Chief Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, State of Hawaii. • х

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<u>ORDER</u>

I.

H. HACKFELD & CO., LTD., dba EAST KAUAI WATER COMPANY, is authorized to operate as a public utility of water service on the island of Kauai. East Kauai Water Company is "grandfathered" to operate without a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 269-7.5(c).¹

¹HRS § 269-7.5(c) states:

No public utility which holds a franchise or charter enacted or granted by the legislative or executive authority of the State or its predecessor governments, or which has a bona fide operation as a public utility heretofore recognized by the commission, shall be required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity under [section 269-7.5].

<u>See</u> Decision and Order No. 9982, filed on October 20, 1988, in Docket No. 6286, *In re H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., dba East Kauai Water Co.;* <u>see also</u> Decision and Order No. 1238, filed on July 24, 1963, in Docket No. 1549, *In re East Kauai Water Co., Ltd.* LPC Corporation, fka The Lihue Plantation Company, Limited, is the former, sole shareholder of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd. LPC Corporation states that East Kauai Water Company ceased doing business and dissolved as of November 19, 2002. Hence, it requests that the commission's "account for [East Kauai Water Company] be closed since the company is no longer doing business."

Thereafter, on June 5, 2003, LPC Corporation, on behalf of East Kauai Water Company, submitted the applicable public utility fees for the years 2002 and 2003, in response to the commission's directive.²

Upon review, the commission will approve LPC Corporation's request to voluntarily surrender East Kauai Water Company's operating authority.

II.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The voluntary surrender of East Kauai Water Company's authority to operate as a public utility of water service on the island of Kauai is approved, effective from the date of this order.

2. This docket is closed.

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²LPC Corporation also submitted East Kauai Water Company's balance sheet for the period ending October 31, 2002.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 12th day of June, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Ý. Caliboso, Chairman Carlito

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Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

Ву Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Michael Azama Commission Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing <u>Order No. 20229</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: June 12, 2003