BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

DOCKET NO. 01-0255

ORDER NO. 20239

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The Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy KAREN HIGASHI

Chief Clerk, Public Utilities Commission State of Hawaii.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)

YOUNG BROTHERS, LIMITED

For Allowance of Rate Flexibility Within a Reasonable Zone or, In the Alternative For A General Rate Increase

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I.

By Decision and Order No. 19115, filed on December 20, 2001, the commission approved a three-year pilot rate flexibility program and required, among other things, YOUNG BROTHERS, LIMITED ("YB" or "Company") to file its initial 2001 cost of service study for commission approval by the second quarter of 2002 and its 2002 cost of service study by June 30, 2003.

By letter dated June 6, 2003, YB requests that the requirement to file its 2002 cost of service study by June 30, 2003 be deferred until the initial 2001 cost of service study model is approved by the commission. YB proposes to submit the 2002 cost of service study based on the model approved by the commission no later than 45 days upon approval of the initial cost of service study model.

II.

By Decision and Order No. 19115, the commission approved and made part of the order the terms and conditions of

the Stipulation for Rate Flexibility Within a Reasonable Zone, dated December 14, 2001, between the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate") and YB ("Stipulation"). The Stipulation stated, in relevant part, the following:

- 3. Cost of Service Study. During the first year of the three-year pilot program, YB will file, by separate filing under protective order, a cost of service study for commission approval. The filing will be made no later than the second quarter of 2002.
- a. The cost of service study will be based on 2001 operating data and will include the current costs of providing each cargo category, and a breakdown between regulated and non-regulated revenues, expenses and plant investment. The study will also set forth rates that would be necessary for each tariff rate to be fully compensatory.
- b. The cost of service study should also enable the parties to ascertain the level of change in the existing rates that would be necessary for the Company to have fully compensatory rates for each of its cargo offerings.
- c. For each of the second and third years of the three-year program, YB also agrees to file the then approved cost of service study under protective order by June 30 of the following year, to reflect the prior year's results. This filing will include the breakdown between regulated and non-regulated revenues, expenses, and plant investment and should enable the parties to determine the contribution margin of each of the then existing tariffs, based on current operations.

On June 24, 2002, YB and the Consumer Advocate (collectively referred to as "Parties") submitted a proposed stipulation for protective order. On June 27, commission issued Protective Order No. 19437. On June 28, 2002, YB submitted its 2001 cost of service study, pursuant to Decision and Order No. 19115. On November 22, 2002, the parties filed a Stipulated Cost of Service Procedural Order establishing, among 01-0255 2

other things, the issues and procedures schedule to assist in our review and disposition of the June 28, 2002 cost of service study. By Order No. 19851, filed on December 5, 2002, the commission approved and adopted the Parties' Stipulated Cost of Service Procedural Order.

On June 12, 2003, the Parties filed a Stipulated Settlement Agreement between YB and the Consumer Advocate regarding the initial 2001 cost of service study filed on June 28, 2002.

Given that the initial 2001 cost of service study is still under review by the commission, YB's request to defer filing its 2002 cost of service study until the initial 2001 cost of service study model has been approved by this commission appears to be reasonable. Therefore, the commission concludes that Decision and Order No. 19115 should be amended to defer the 2002 cost of service study filing deadline and allow YB to file its 2002 cost of service study on the model approved by the commission no later than 45 days from the issuance of the order approving the initial 2001 cost of service study model. ¹

III.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. YB's request to defer filing its 2002 cost of service study by June 30, 2003 is approved.

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¹The Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs orally indicated it does not oppose YB's request for deferral.

2. YB shall file its 2002 cost of service study based on the model approved by the commission no later than 45 days from the issuance of the order approving the initial 2001 cost of service study model.

3. Decision and Order No. 19115 is amended consistent with the terms and conditions of this order. In all other respects, Decision and Order No. 19115 remains unchanged.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 19th day of June, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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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. 20239 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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