

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
MOLOKAI PUBLIC UTILITIES, INC.)
For Review and Approval of Rate)
Increases; Revised Rate Schedules.)
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I.

By application filed on October 11, 2002, MOLOKAI PUBLIC UTILITIES, INC. ("MPUI"), seeks commission approval of a rate increase ("Proposed Rate Increase") and to revise its rate schedule, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-16.

MPUI served copies of its application upon the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate") (together with MPUI, "Parties").

By Order No. 19955, filed on January 14, 2003, the commission, among other things, granted participant status to West Molokai Citizens Committee ("West Molokai"), granting it the opportunity to monitor the instant proceeding, receive copies of testimony, information requests and responses and other related documents other than those documents deemed confidential and under protective order by the commission, and filing a position statement on the issues established in this docket.

On May 23, 2003, the Parties filed a Stipulation of Settlement Agreement in Lieu of Evidentiary Hearing. On June 16, 2003,¹ West Molokai filed a statement of position ("SOP").

By letters dated June 20, 2003, MPUI and the Consumer Advocate request leave to file written responses to West Molokai's SOP.

MPUI states that it would like to address the "incorrect statements and unfounded allegations" contained in the SOP. The Consumer Advocate states that it believes a response to West Molokai's SOP is warranted, to address the "unsupported allegations".

Upon a review of West Molokai's SOP, the commission finds good cause to grant the Parties' request. We also find that additional information would assist the commission in the disposition of the instant docket. Accordingly, the commission concludes that MPUI and the Consumer Advocate should be allowed leave to respond to West Molokai's SOP.

II.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. MPUI and the Consumer Advocate may respond to West Molokai's SOP, filed on June 16, 2003, within five days of the date of this order.

¹Order No. 20223, filed on June 2, 2003, granted West Molokai until June 16, 2003 in which to file an SOP.

2. Order No. 20034, as amended by Order No. 20053, is amended by modifying the procedural schedule set forth in the Stipulated Prehearing Order to allow MPUI and the Consumer Advocate five days from the date of this order to file a response to West Molokai's SOP.

3. In all other respects, Order No. 20034 remains unchanged.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 2nd day of July, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By Wayne H. Kimura
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20294 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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