

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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DIV. OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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 P0000669, Conversion from)
Overhead to Underground Within the)
Kakaako Redevelopment District,)
Improvement District 10.)

DOCKET NO. 03-0135

ORDER NO. 20340

Filed July 18, 2003
At 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Karen Higashi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

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

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ORDER

I.

On May 13, 2003, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") filed an application for approval to commit an estimated \$660,153 for Item P0000669, the conversion from overhead to underground within the Kakaako Redevelopment District, Improvement District No. 10 project. HECO makes its request under Rule 2.3.g.2 of General Order No. 7, *Standards for Electric Utility Service in the State of Hawaii* ("G.O. No. 7").¹

Copies of the application were served on the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate"). On June 3, 2003, the Consumer Advocate filed its preliminary statement of position indicating its participation in this docket and its intention to serve HECO with information requests ("IRs"). The Consumer

¹For the purposes of this order, "Rule" and "Paragraph" are synonymous.

Advocate served HECO with IRs on June 17, 2003. On July 11, 2003, HECO filed its responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs.

Rule 2.3.g.2 of G.O. No. 7 provides that if the commission does not act on an electric utility's application and render a decision and order within 90 days of its 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." The 90-day Review Period for the commission to act on HECO's application in this docket expires on August 11, 2003.

On July 9, 2003, HECO filed a letter requesting an extension of the 90-day Review Period to August 22, 2003 ("Extension Request"). HECO makes its Extension Request to provide additional time for the Consumer Advocate to file its statement of position and for the commission to render its decision.

II.

Upon review, we find good cause to approve HECO's Extension Request. The expiration of the current 90-day Review Period is looming, and additional time for the Consumer Advocate to file its statement of position in this docket and for the commission to review the record and render its decision is reasonable at this time. In an effort to facilitate the smooth disposition of the application in this docket, the commission also finds it reasonable to require the Consumer Advocate to file

its statement of position on the matters of this docket by August 8, 2003.

Accordingly, we conclude that: (1) HECO's Extension Request, filed on July 9, 2003, should be approved; and (2) the Consumer Advocate should file its statement of position in this docket by August 8, 2003.

III.

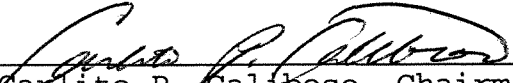
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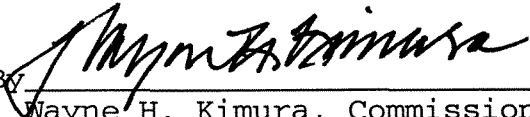
1. HECO's Extension Request, filed on July 9, 2003, requesting the extension of the 90-day Review Period for the application in this docket until August 22, 2003, is approved.

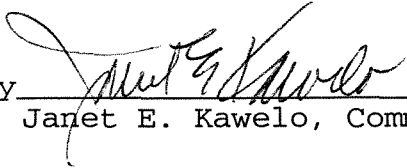
2. The Consumer Advocate shall file its statement of position on the matters of this docket by August 8, 2003, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 18th day of July, 2003.

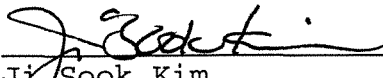
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By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Ji Sook Kim
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. 20340 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: July 18, 2003