

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED)
For Approval to Commit Funds in)
Excess of \$500,000 for Project)
M0000241, Mobile 12.5 MVA)
Substation.)
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DOCKET NO. 03-0102

ORDER NO. 20393

Filed August 26, 2003
At 10:00 o'clock A .M.

Karen Higashi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

DIV. OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND
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ORDER

I.

On April 23, 2003, MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO") filed an application for commission approval to commit an estimated \$922,000 for Project M0000241, a mobile 12.5 MVA substation. MECO 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 May 15, 2003, the Consumer Advocate filed its preliminary statement of position indicating its participation in this docket and its intention to serve MECO with information requests ("IRs"). On June 12, 2003, the Consumer Advocate served MECO with 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

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

render a decision and order within 90 days of its filing ("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." On July 11, 2003, MECO filed a letter requesting an extension of the Review Period to August 29, 2003 ("Extension Request").²

By Order No. 20333, filed on July 16, 2003, the commission approved MECO's Extension Request and concurrently required MECO to file its IR responses by July 18, 2003, and the Consumer Advocate to file its statement of position on the matters of this docket by August 18, 2003. MECO filed its IR responses on July 18, 2003. On August 8, 2003, MECO filed responses to additional questions posed by the Consumer Advocate.

By letter dated and filed on August 14, 2003, MECO, on behalf of the Consumer Advocate and itself (collectively, "the Parties"), requested that the Review Period for the application in this docket be further extended to October 3, 2003, and that the Consumer Advocate be given until September 17, 2003, to file its statement of position ("Second Extension Request"). The Second Extension Request is made to provide the Parties with additional time to "meet and discuss" certain concerns.

II.

Upon review, we find good cause to approve the Second Extension Request. It appears that the Parties require

²The initial Review Period for the commission to act on MECO's application in this docket expired on July 22, 2003.

more time to develop the record for this docket. The Second Extension Request is reasonable since, among other things, the commission will need the additional time to review the record and render its decision.

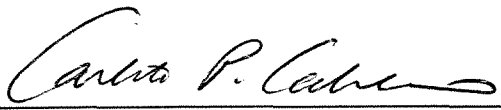
Accordingly, we conclude that the Second Extension Request, filed on August 14, 2003, should be approved.

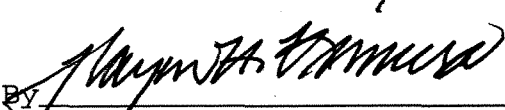
III.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that the Second Extension Request, filed on August 14, 2003, is approved. Accordingly, the Consumer Advocate shall file its statement of position on the matters of this docket by September 17, 2003, and the Review Period for MECO's application in this docket is extended to October 3, 2003.

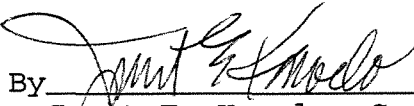
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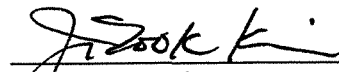
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20393 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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