BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

In the Matter of the Application of

MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED


DOCKET NO. 02-0365

ORDER NO. 20431

Filed Sept. 12, 2003
At 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Karen Higashi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy
KAREN HIGASHI
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
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    MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ) Docket No. 02-0365 )
    )
For Approval of a Fuel Supply )
Contract with Maui Oil Company, )
Inc. and to Include Contract Costs )

ORDER

I.

By an application filed on October 4, 2002, MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO") requests commission approval of the Hana Substation 41 Supply Contract for Off-Highway No. 2 Diesel Fuel ("Fuel Supply Contract"), dated August 9, 2002, with Maui Oil Company, Inc. ("Maui Oil"). Pursuant to the Fuel Supply Contract, MECO purchases and receives from Maui Oil its entire No. 2 Diesel Fuel ("Fuel") requirements for its two standby generating units located at its Hana Substation No. 41. MECO also requests commission approval to include the cost of Fuel and related taxes in MECO's Energy Cost Adjustment Clause ("ECAC") to the extent that the costs are not recovered in MECO's base rates.

By Order No. 20373, filed on August 8, 2003, the commission ordered that MECO and the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate") meet informally to formulate the issues,
procedures, and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated prehearing order. This stipulated prehearing order was to be submitted for commission approval by September 5, 2003. If the parties were unable to stipulate to such an order, each party was to submit its own proposed prehearing order for the commission's consideration by September 5, 2003.

By letter filed on September 5, 2003, MECO, on behalf of itself and the Consumer Advocate (collectively referred to as "Parties"), requests an extension of time until September 19, 2003 ("stipulated extension of time") to continue discussions regarding a possible agreement to the issues in this proceeding. The commission finds good cause to approve the stipulated extension of time.

II.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that the Parties' stipulated extension of time until September 19, 2003 to submit a stipulated prehearing order for this proceeding is approved. If unable to stipulate to such an order, each party shall submit its own proposed prehearing order for the commission's consideration by September 19, 2003.
DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 12th day of September, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By (EXCUSED)
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin M. Katsura
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20431 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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