# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.	) Docket No.	03-0222
for approval to commit funds in excess of \$500,000 for Item H0000850, HELCO Puueo Hydroelectric Rehabilitation	) ) )	

### STIPULATED PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 20468

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Applicant Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO") and the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the "Consumer Advocate") hereby stipulate that the attached Stipulated Procedural Order is mutually acceptable to each respective party.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, September 18, 2003

WILLIAM A. BONNET

Vice President

Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.

CHERVI'S KIKUTA

Acting Executive Director

Division of Consumer Advocacy

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On August 18, 2003, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO") filed an application for approval to commit funds in excess of \$500,000 for Item H0000850, the HELCO Puueo Hydroelectric Rehabilitation project. HELCO served copies of the application on the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the "Consumer Advocate" or "CA").

By Order No. 20408, filed August 29, 2003, the Commission directed HELCO and the Consumer Advocate to submit a stipulated procedural schedule to the Commission for approval by September 18, 2003 (twenty days from the date of Order No. 20408).

HELCO and the Consumer Advocate have reached agreement on procedural matters and submit this Stipulated Procedural Order to the Commission, which is acceptable to the parties.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that the following Schedule of Proceedings and procedures shall be utilized in this docket.

## SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

HELCO Application for Puueo Hydroelectric Rehabilitation	August 18, 2003
CA Information Requests ("IRs") to HELCO <sup>1</sup>	September 26, 2003
HELCO IR Responses to CA <sup>1</sup>	October 17, 2003
CA Supplemental IRs ("SIRs") <sup>1</sup> , if necessary	October 21, 2003
HELCO Responses to SIRs <sup>1</sup>	October 30, 2003

The parties acknowledge that under Section 2.3.g.2 of the Commission's General Order No. 7, the Commission's 90-day period to act upon the Application and render a Decision and Order expires on November 16, 2003.

November 3, 2003

II.

# MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS TO FACILITATE AND EXPEDITE THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THESE PROCEEDINGS

# A. Requests for Information

CA Statement of Position

To the extent practical, HELCO and the Consumer Advocate will cooperate (1) by exchanging information requests and responses as they become available, and (2) by resolving questions regarding information requests and responses informally to attempt to work out problems with respect to understanding the scope or meaning of information

Whenever possible, parties will provide copy of documents on diskette upon request.

requests, or with respect to the availability of information. If a party is unable to provide the information requested within the prescribed time period, it should so indicate to the inquiring party as soon as possible. The parties shall then endeavor to agree upon a later date for submission of the requested information.

In lieu of responses to information requests that would require the reproduction of voluminous documents or materials, the documents or materials may be made available for reasonable inspection and copying at a mutually agreeable designated location and time. In the event such information is available on computer diskette or other readily usable electronic medium, the party responding to the information request may make the diskette or such electronic medium available to the other party and the Commission.

A party shall not be required, in a response to an information request, to provide data that are already on file with the Commission or otherwise part of the public record, or that may be stipulated to pursuant to Part B, <u>infra</u>. The responding party shall, in lieu of production of a document in the public record, include in its response to the information request an identification of the document with reasonable specificity sufficient to enable the requesting party to locate and copy the document. In addition, a party shall not be required, in a response to an information request, to make computations, compute ratios, reclassify, trend, calculate, or otherwise rework data contained in its files or records.

A party may object to responding to an information request that it deems to be irrelevant, immaterial, unduly burdensome, onerous or repetitious, or where the response

contains information claimed to be privileged or subject to protection (confidential information). If a party claims that information requested is confidential, and withholds production of all or a portion of such confidential information, the party shall: (1) provide information reasonably sufficient to identify the confidential information withheld from the response, without disclosing privileged or protected information; (2) state the basis for withholding the confidential information (including, but not limited to, the specific privilege applicable or protection claimed for the confidential information and the specific harm that would befall the party if the information were disclosed); and (3) state whether the party is willing to provide the confidential information pursuant to a protective order governing this docket.

A party seeking production of documents notwithstanding a party's claim of confidentiality, may file a motion to compel production with the Commission.

# B. Matters of Public Record

In order to provide a means to reduce unnecessary reproduction of documents and to facilitate these proceedings, identified matters of public record, such as reports that HELCO has filed with the Commission, published decisions of this or other Commissions, published scientific or economic statistical data, material and textbooks, technical or industry journals relating to electric utility matters, and specified parts of the record in previous Commission dockets shall be admissible in this proceeding without the necessity of reproducing each document; provided that the document to be admitted is clearly identified by reference to the place of publication, file or docket number, and the

identified document is available for inspection by the Commission and the parties; and further provided that any party has the right to explain, qualify or conduct examination with respect to the identified document. The Commission can rule on whether the identified document can be admitted into evidence when a party proffers such document for admission as evidence in this case.

From time to time, the parties may enter into stipulations that such documents, or any portion of such documents, may be introduced into evidence in this case.

### C. Copies of Filings and Information Requests.

#### 1. Filings:

Commission

Original + 8 copies

**HELCO** 

2 copies

Consumer Advocate

2 copies

## 2. Information Requests and Responses:

Commission

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**HELCO** 

2 copies

Consumer Advocate

2 copies

- All pleadings, and other documents required to be filed with the 3. Commission shall be filed at the office of the Commission in Honolulu within the time limit prescribed pursuant to Chapter 61, subchapter 2, section 6-61-15 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
- 4. Copies of all filings, information requests and information request responses should be sent to the other parties by hand delivery or via facsimile. In addition, if available, all parties shall provide copies of their filings, information

requests and information request responses to the other parties via diskette or e-mail in a standard electronic format that is readily available by the parties. The parties agree to use Word 97 or Word 2000 as the standard programming format for filings in this case. However, if workpapers, documentation, or exhibits attached to any filing are not readily available in an electronic format, a party shall not be required to convert such workpapers, documentation, or exhibits into an electronic format. Also, existing documents produced in response to requests need not be converted to Word 97/Word 2000 as long as the applicable format is identified. In the event a copy of a filing, information request or information request response is delivered to a party via diskette or e-mail, unless otherwise agreed to by such party, the same number of copies of such filing, information request or information request response must still be delivered to such party by hand delivery or via facsimile as provided in Parts C.1 and C.2 above.

# D. <u>Communications</u>

Chapter 61, subchapter 3, section 6-61-29 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure concerning ex parte communications is applicable to any communications between a party and the Commission. However, the parties may communicate with Commission counsel on matters of practice and procedure through their own counsel or designated official.

Communications between the parties should either be through counsel or through designated representatives. All pleadings, papers, and other documents filed in this

proceeding shall be served on the opposing party. All motions, supporting memoranda, and the like shall also be served on opposing counsel.

# E. General

These procedures are consistent with the orderly conduct of this docket.

Pursuant to Chapter 61, subchapter 3, section 6-61-37 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, this Stipulated Procedural Order shall control the subsequent courses of the proceedings, unless modified at or prior to the hearings to prevent manifest injustice.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii, this 26th day of September , 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By (EXCUSED)
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for Michael Azama

**Commission Counsel** 

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Stipulated

Procedural Order No. 20468 upon the following parties and participant, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party or participant.

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WILLIAM A. BONNET VICE PRESIDENT HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. P. O. Box 2750 Honolulu, HI 96840-0001

Karen Higashi

DATED: September 26, 2003