BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

DOCKET NO. 03-0178

For Approval to Commit Funds in)
Excess of \$500,000 for Item)
M0000482, Purchase of a GE LM2500PE)
Engine for Use as a Spare.)

<u>ORDER NO. 20608</u>

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KAREN HIGASHI
Chief Clerk, Public Utilities
Commission, State of Hawaii.

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 Item) M0000482, Purchase of a GE LM2500PE) Engine for Use as a Spare. Docket No. 03-0178

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<u>ORDER</u>

I.

Background

The Division of Consumer Advocacy's ("Consumer Advocate") position statement was due on October 20, 2003, and the commission's deadline to complete its review and issue its decision expires on October 31, 2003 ("review period"). MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO"), by letter dated October 20, 2003, requests "an extension until November 14, 2003, for the Consumer Advocate to issue its Position Statement, and extension of the . . . review period until November 28, 2003."

MECO makes its request pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-61-23(a)(1), "to permit additional time for the filing of the [Consumer Advocate's] Statement of Position

Order No. 20434, filed on September 12, 2003.

and the Commission's decision." The commission finds good cause to approve MECO's request.

II.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 1. MECO's request to extend the time for the Consumer Advocate to file its position statement is approved. The Consumer Advocate shall file its position statement by November 14, 2003.
- 2. MECO's request to extend the review period to November 28, 2003 is approved.

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 $^{^2\}text{MECO}$ explains that the parties "will be meeting on October 23, 2003 to discuss the [Consumer Advocate's] concerns regarding the subject proceeding."

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 29th day of October, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Arth V. Alban Chairman

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Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By MW GAMULO

Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Catherine P. Awakuni 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. 20608 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: October 29, 2003