BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. )

 DOCKET NO. 02-0051 (CONSOLIDATED)

To Modify its Rule 14 to Establish
Interconnection Standards and to
Require an Interconnection
Agreement for Distributed
Generating Facilities.
Transmittal No. 02-01.

In the Matter of the Application of)
HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.

To Modify its Rule 14 to Establish
Interconnection Standards and to
Require an Interconnection
Agreement for Distributed
Generating Facilities.
Transmittal No. 02-02H.

In the Matter of the Application of)
MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

To Modify its Rule 14 to Establish
Interconnection Standards and to
Require an Interconnection
Agreement for Distributed
Generating Facilities.
Transmittal No. 02-01M.

ORDER NO. 20700

Filed Dec. 4, 2003
At 8:00 o’clock A.M.

Raven A. Higashihara
Chief Clerk of the Commission
ORDER

I.

HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. ("HELCO") is currently negotiating a standard interconnection agreement with the Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Corp. ("Mauna Loa"), in accordance
with HELCO's tariff Rule 14(H). As HELCO explains in its most recent Quarterly Report, dated October 31, 2003, at pages 3 - 4:

1. Mauna Loa placed in operation two synchronous 300 kilowatt ("kw") diesel generators in 1988. Both generators "can operate in parallel with HELCO's system, but are used primarily as standby generators to provide electricity to Mauna Loa's visitor center in the event there is an outage on the HELCO system."

2. "HELCO will follow-up with Mauna Loa and its consultant for the necessary information to complete and sign an interconnection agreement for the two 300 kw diesel generators and the 750 kw steam generator. HELCO is not aware of any disputes with Mauna Loa concerning the interconnection agreement."

On September 10, 2003, the commission approved Mauna Loa's request for an extension of time, until November 28, 2003, to execute a standard interconnection agreement with HELCO.¹ Now, by letter dated November 26, 2003, HELCO, on behalf of Mauna Loa, requests an extension of time, until February 27, 2004, to execute a standard interconnection agreement. HELCO requests the additional time "to continue to work with Mauna Loa and its consultant to finalize the information necessary to complete the interconnection review process and execute an interconnection agreement to comply with HELCO's Rule 14H."

The commission finds good cause to approve HELCO's request.

II.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that HELCO's request for an extension of time, until February 27, 2004, to execute a standard interconnection agreement with Mauna Loa, is approved.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 4th day of December, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Azama
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20700 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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