

The commission will allow items numbered 1, 2, and 3, above, to take effect as proposed. HF&T's proposed rate increase of ten (10) dollars for its Mauna Kea Summit & Stars Tour, the commission notes, is within the Zone of Reasonableness ("Zone") recently implemented by the commission.²

Meanwhile, HF&T's proposed rate increases for its Valley Waterfall Adventure Tour exceed the commission's Zone of ten (10) per cent for rate increases, and HF&T does not provide any cost support to justify its proposed increases in excess of the Zone's ten (10) per cent ceiling.³ The commission, thus, will deny HF&T's proposed rate increases for this Tour.

II.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Hawaii Forest & Trail's transmittal, filed on January 2, 2004, will be allowed to take effect, in part, effective from February 2, 2004. Specifically, its proposals to: (A) discontinue its Rainforest Discovery Adventure Tour and the Kona Lava Tube Adventure Tour; (B) add a new tour, known as the Hualalai Volcano Adventure Tour; and (C) increase the adult per passenger rate of its Mauna Kea Summit & Stars Tour by

²See Decision and Order No. 20704, filed on December 5, 2003, in Docket No. 03-0245.

³The commission's Transportation Specialist contacted HF&T on three (3) separate occasions. To date, HF&T has not submitted the required information to justify the proposed rate increases for its Valley Waterfall Adventure Tour.


ten (10) dollars, from \$145 to \$155, will be allowed to take effect.


2. Hawaii Forest & Trail's proposal to increase the per passenger rates of its Valley Waterfall Adventure Tour by twenty-five (25) and fourteen (14) dollars, respectively, is denied.

3. Hawaii Forest & Trail shall promptly file its revised tariff sheet (page 5), incorporating its present rates for the Valley Waterfall Adventure Tour (\$95 and \$85, respectively).


DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 30th day of January, 2004.


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20788 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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