BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of

VERIZON HAWAII INC.

DOCKET NO. 04-0052

For Approval to Include in its Rate
Base Expenditures in Excess of
$500,000 for an E911 Server
Replacement Project.

ORDER NO. 20889

Filed April 7, 2004
At 10:00 o'clock A.M.

Karen Higashl
Chief Clerk of the Commission

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Commission, State of Hawaii.
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ORDER
I.

Introduction

VERIZON HAWAII INC. ("Verizon Hawaii") requests commission approval to include $651,433 in its rate base to replace the existing servers which house the Scaleable Automatic Location with Selective Routing Addition application for Hawaii's enhanced 911 system. Verizon Hawaii makes its request in an application filed on March 17, 2004, under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 269, as amended, Paragraph 2.3.d.2 of Public Utilities Commission General Order No. 8, and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-80-90.

Verizon Hawaii served the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate") with copies of its application.

Prior to the filing of the application, Verizon Hawaii and the Consumer Advocate (collectively, "Parties") filed a proposed stipulated order requesting a waiver of the HAR § 6-80-90(b) requirement that telecommunications carriers submit
proposed expenditures in excess of $500,000 for commission "review at least sixty [(60)] days before the commencement of construction or commitment for expenditures, whichever is earlier" on March 9, 2004 ("Stipulation"). The commission approved the Parties' Stipulation by issuing Stipulated Order No. 20851 on March 16, 2004, in this docket.

The Consumer Advocate filed its preliminary statement of position on March 31, 2004, informing the commission that it has certain concerns with the proposed expenditure of funds and is currently unable to state its position on the merits of Verizon Hawaii's application. The Consumer Advocate intends to issue information requests to aid in its assessment of Verizon Hawaii's request.

II.

Filing Requirements

The commission is required to act on Verizon Hawaii's request within ninety (90) days from the filing of Verizon Hawaii's application under HAR § 6-80-90(b). This deadline is on or about June 14, 2004. The commission believes that establishing a procedural schedule at this time would aid in the timely disposition of the matters of this docket. Thus, the commission concludes that the Parties should informally meet to formulate a procedural schedule to govern the matters of this docket in a stipulated procedural order for the commission's review and approval.
III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS the Parties to informally meet to formulate a stipulated procedural order that sets forth the schedule to govern the proceedings in this docket. The stipulated procedural order shall be submitted within twenty (20) days of the date of this order for the commission’s review and approval. In the alternative, if unable to agree on a schedule, each party shall submit its own proposed procedural order for the commission’s consideration within twenty (20) days from the date of this order.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 7th day of April, 2004.

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:

I, Sook Kim
Commission Counsel
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20889 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: April 7, 2004

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