BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

DOCKET NO. 04-0110

For Approval to Construct an Overhead 46 kV Subtransmission Line Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 269-27.5, for Item P0000926, the Mililani Mauka North Gulley 46 kV Line Relocation Project.

ORDER NO. 20999

DIV. OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY DEPT. OF COMMER AFFAIRS

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Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy KAREN HIGASHI

Chief Clerk, Public Utilities Commission State of Hawaii.

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For Item P0000926, the Mililani Mauka North Gulley 46 kilovolt ("kV") Line Relocation Project ("Project"), HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") requests that the commission: (1) conduct a public hearing for the overhead construction of a 46 kV subtransmission line through a residential area, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-27.5; and (2) find that the relocation of the overhead 46 kV subtransmission line above the surface of the ground is consistent with HRS § 269-27.6(a).

HECO served copies of its application upon the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate").

The Project will involve the: (1) relocation of approximately 1,000 circuit feet of HECO's existing 46 kV subtransmission line and 12 kV distribution lines situated in the North Gulley area of Mililani Mauka; and (2) the

¹HECO's application, filed on May 14, 2004.

installation of steel and wood poles. Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. ("Castle & Cooke") requests this relocation, "in order to construct a drainage basin as part of its off-site improvements for its housing development projects in Mililani Mauka, since the current location of HECO's existing poles and lines would interfere with the grading required to construct this drainage basin." "Once the drainage basin and associated grading work is completed, HECO will be unable to adequately access the existing poles and facilities for repair and maintenance purposes[,]" unless the 46 kV and 12 kV lines are relocated.

The relocated 46 kV and 12 kV lines will be on Castle & Cooke's property, zoned P-2, Preservation. However, HECO notes that "the relocated 46 kV and 12 kV lines will be visible from the same residential homes in nearby Olaloa Community Housing as the existing 46 kV and 12 kV lines are now."

Castle & Cooke requests that HECO complete the Project by August 2004. Thus, in expediting the Project's schedule, HECO will be ordering the steel poles in the near future. If the commission denies HECO's application, or subsequent changes to the Project's scope render the pre-ordered steel poles obsolete, Castle & Cooke will reimburse HECO for the cost of the steel poles.

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 $^{^{2}}$ <u>Id</u>. at 3.

 $^{^{3}}Id.$

^{&#}x27;<u>Id</u>. at 5.

The Project's total estimated cost is \$304,997, less than the \$500,000 threshold governing the filing of capital expenditure applications by electric utilities.

Given the potential need for a public hearing and the Project's timetable, the commission will instruct HECO and the Consumer Advocate (collectively, the "Parties") to submit a procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration, with a projected date of early July 2004 for the public hearing.⁵

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, the Parties shall submit to the commission a stipulated procedural schedule, incorporating their agreed upon schedule with respect to this proceeding. If they are unable to stipulate to such a schedule, each party shall submit a proposed procedural schedule for the commission's consideration by the same date.

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⁵In the event intervenor or participant status is later granted to any interested person, the commission will amend the procedural schedule accordingly, if necessary.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 21st day of May, 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Azama

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. 20999 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: May 21, 2004