BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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In the Matter of the Application of)

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

For Approval of Recovery of 2004 IRP Planning Costs Through Each Company's IRP Cost Recovery Provision. DOCKET NO. 03-0276

21704 ORDER NO.



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Harin Higos Chief Clerk of the Commission

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<u>ORDER</u>

By this Order the commission requires the parties to meet and formulate the issues, procedures and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated procedural order that shall be submitted for commission approval within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

I.

Background

On October 1, 2003, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC., (HECO) and MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO") filed an application requesting commission approval of their budgets for 2004 integrated resource planning ("IRP") planning costs, and the subsequent recovery of these costs through each company's IRP cost recovery provision. HECO and MECO served copies of their application on the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate"). Pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 6-61-62, the Consumer Advocate is an <u>ex officio</u> party to this proceeding.

No parties have moved to intervene or participate in this proceeding, pursuant to HAR §§ 6-61-55, 6-61-56 and 6-61-57. Therefore, we conclude that HECO, MECO and the Consumer Advocate should meet informally to formulate the issues, procedures and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated procedural order that shall be submitted for commission approval within 30 days from the date of this order. In the alternative, if the parties are unable to stipulate to such order, we conclude that each party shall submit a proposed procedural order for the commission's consideration within 30 days from the date of this order.

II.

<u>Orders</u>

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that HECO, MECO and the Consumer Advocate shall meet informally to formulate the issues, procedures, and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated procedural order. The stipulated procedural order shall be submitted for commission approval within 30 days from the date of this order. If unable to stipulate to such an order, each party shall submit its own proposed procedural order for the commission's consideration within 30 days from the date of this order.

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DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii _____

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin M. Katsura Commission Counsel

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I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing <u>Order No. 21704</u> 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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