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.

To Establish Rider EDR - Economic Development Rate.

DOCKET NO. 02-0405

<u>ORDER NO. 21783</u>



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By this Order, the commission approves the withdrawal by HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO"), filed with the commission on April 25, 2005, of its proposed Rider EDR - Economic Development Rate ("Rider EDR").

I.

Background

On November 4, 2002, HECO filed its Transmittal No. 02-02, which requested that its proposed Rider EDR become effective on thirty days' notice, on December 5, 2002. Pursuant to Order No. 19780, filed on November 19, 2002, in the instant docket, the commission suspended Transmittal No. 02-02, and placed it under investigation under Docket No. 02-0405.

On December 9, 2002, the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate") filed a preliminary statement of position in which it stated that it had concerns with HECO's proposal to establish the Rider EDR, would participate in the instant matter, and would be issuing information requests ("IRs") to HECO. On January 28, 2003, the Consumer Advocate issued IRs to HECO. HECO filed responses to the Consumer Advocate's IRs on February 25, 2003. On June 20, 2003, the Consumer Advocate filed its Statement of Position in the instant proceeding.

On April 25, 2005, HECO filed a withdrawal of its request for Rider EDR approval. HECO states that it no longer requests approval of its proposed Rider EDR because it is no longer deemed necessary to promote Hawaii's economic growth and that instead, HECO would be focusing its efforts on measures to reduce the peak load that must be served by its central station generating units. In light of the above, the commission will approve HECO's April 25, 2005 withdrawal.

II.

<u>Orders</u>

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. HECO'S April 25, 2005 withdrawal of its request for approval of its proposed Rider EDR, as described in its Transmittal No. 02-02, is approved.

2. This docket is closed.

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DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii _____ APR 2 9 2005

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I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21783 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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