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### OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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#### **ORDER**

The commission instructs WAIKOLOA RESORT UTILITIES, INC. WEST IIAWAH UTILITY COMPANY ("WHUC"), dba and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate")(collectively, the "Parties"), to submit a stipulated procedural schedule for the commission's Alternatively, in the absence of a review and consideration. formal procedural schedule, the Parties shall, at a minimum, identify their agreed-upon deadlines for the Consumer Advocate WHUC to file their position and rebuttal and statements, respectively, and notify the commission accordingly.

WHUC is a public utility that provides water, wastewater, and irrigation services to the Waikoloa Beach Resort area at Anaehoomalu Bay, Waikoloa, island of Hawaii.

WHUC requests the commission's approval to enter into certain financing arrangements for the following purposes:

(1) financing the construction costs for a drinking water well,

Deep Well No. 6 ("Loan"); (2) refinancing and paying off two (2) existing loans ("Refinance Loan"); and (3) securing a line of credit to enter into finance lease arrangements ("LOC"). WHUC makes its requests in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §§ 269-17 and 269-19.

WHUC served copies of its Application upon the Consumer Advocate.

WHUC represents that:

- 1. Its Loan, Refinance Loan, and LOC have been approved by the respective financial institutions.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. The "[c]losing of the Loan will occur and the applicable interest rate will be determined upon execution of the loan documents. The execution of the loan documents is contingent upon receipt of the Commission's approval of this Application."
- 3. "Closing of the Refinance Loan must occur no later than September 30, 2005, in order to obtain the fixed interest rate of 6.50%. As the execution of the loan documents for the Refinance Loan is also contingent upon receipt of the Commission's approval of this Application, [WHUC] again requests that approval be given as expeditiously as possible to ensure this low fixed rate is realized."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>WHUC's Application, Verification, Exhibits 1 - 16, and Certificate of Service, filed on August 15, 2005 (collectively, the "Application").

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$ <u>Id</u>. at 7 - 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Id. at 7.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;<u>Id</u>. at 8.

4. The commitment for the LOC must be utilized by February 28, 2006.

In light of WHUC's representations, the commission will instruct the Parties to submit a stipulated procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration. 5

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that within twenty (20) 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. Alternatively, in the absence of a formal procedural schedule, the Parties shall, at a minimum, identify their agreed-upon deadlines for the Consumer Advocate and WHUC to file their position and rebuttal statements, respectively, and notify the commission accordingly.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>WHUC filed its Application on August 15, 2005, representing that the deadline to close its Refinance Loan is September 30, 2005. The Consumer Advocate, as a statutory party to this proceeding, is entitled to undertake and complete its investigation and review of WHUC's requests. <u>See</u> HRS § 269-51. <u>See also</u> Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-61-62(a).

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing  $\underbrace{\text{Order No.}}$   $\underbrace{\text{2008}}$  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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