

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.)
For Approval of Changes in its)
Depreciation Rates and Approval of)
Vintage Amortization Accounting.)
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ORDER

By this Order, the commission grants the joint request of HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") and the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate") (HECO and the Consumer Advocate are collectively referred to as the "Parties") for an extension of time from September 30, 2005 until November 30, 2005 to meet informally to discuss the reasonableness of reflecting an inflation component in the estimated salvage ratio for use in HECO's next depreciation study.

I.

Background

By Decision and Order No. 21331, issued on September 3, 2004, the Commission ordered the Parties to meet informally to discuss the reasonableness of reflecting an inflation component in the estimated salvage ratio for use in the next depreciation

study, and to inform the Commission of the Parties' decision in the matter by March 3, 2005. By letter dated March 3, 2005, HECO requested an extension of time from March 3, 2005 to September 30, 2005 for the Parties to meet, which the Commission granted on May 13, 2005. HECO again requests an extension of time by which the Parties must meet from September 30, 2005 to November 30, 2005.¹

II.

Discussion

Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-23(a)(1) provides the commission with the discretion, for good cause shown, to enlarge a period by which a required act must be completed, if a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed. By letter filed on September 30, 2005, prior to expiration of the earlier extension period, HECO requested a further extension on the ground that "[d]ue to the work requirements in other proceedings, the Parties have not yet been able to meet on this issue and agree to the need for an extension to November 31, 2005 [sic]."² Based on the foregoing, the commission finds good cause in this instance to enlarge the deadline by which the Parties must

¹See HECO's letter dated and filed on September 30, 2005 ("HECO's Letter"), which requests an extension of time until November 31, 2005. The commission will treat HECO's Letter as a request for extension of time until November 30, 2005.

²See HECO's Letter.

comply with Decision and Order No. 21331, and grants their request for extension of time.

III.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that the Parties' request for an extension of time by which they must discuss the reasonableness of reflecting an inflation component in the estimated salvage ratio for use in HECO's next depreciation study and must inform the commission of their decision is granted. Unless otherwise ordered, the Parties shall meet and inform the commission about the said inflation component on or before November 30, 2005.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii NOV - 2 2005.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 22089 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

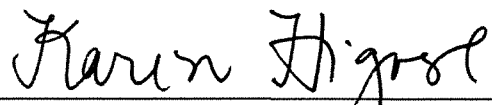
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