

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

-----In the Matter of the----- )  
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 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION )  
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 Investigate the Proxy Method )  
 And the Proxy Method Formula )  
 Used to Calculate Avoided )  
 Energy Costs and Schedule Q )  
 Rates of the Electric )  
 Utilities in the State of )  
 Hawaii. )  
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I.

Background

The Parties' deadline to review and update, if necessary, the agreements, information, and data contained in their Stipulation, is November 30, 2005.<sup>3</sup> By letter dated November 30, 2005, HECO, on behalf of all of the Parties, requests an extension of time until May 31, 2006, to comply with Order No. 21121.

II.

Discussion

Hawaii Administrative Rules § 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.

In support of its timely extension request, HECO states:

On September 9, 2005, HECO informally submitted to the other Parties extensive information on its Production Costing Model and data files used to run the model to derive avoided costs for HECO, HELCO and MECO. The other Parties have expressed a desire to discuss this information with HECO and to further review the information before deciding what position they will take in response to Order No. 21121.

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<sup>3</sup>See Order No. 21121, filed on July 16, 2004 (September 16, 2004 deadline); commission letter, dated September 16, 2004 (extension granted until March 31, 2005); Order No. 21703, filed on March 24, 2005 (extension granted until September 30, 2005); and Order No. 22065, filed on October 11, 2005 (extension granted until November 30, 2005).

The Parties, however, acknowledge the large number of proceedings currently in progress, which require the substantial commitment of resources for some of the Parties in the upcoming months. The Consumer Advocate in particular, has been very busy working on and responding to a number of dockets before the Commission. To name a few, those proceedings (involving only HECO and its affiliates) include Docket Nos. 05-0069 (Energy Efficiency Proceeding), 03-0372 (Competitive Bidding Proceeding), 05-0145 (Campbell Industrial Park Generating Station Application), 05-0146 (Community Benefits Application), 04-0113 (HECO 2005 Rate Case - opening and reply briefs), 03-0417 (East Oahu Transmission Project - opening and reply briefs), 03-0260 (Kuahua Substation - underground and substation policies) and Act 95 (Renewable Portfolio Standards). These dockets do not include the other dockets on matters pertaining to other utilities authorized to provide service in the State.

HECO's letter, dated November 30, 2005, at 1 - 2 (emphasis added).

The commission recognizes that the Parties' progress and actions to-date evidence their joint efforts to review and update, if necessary, the agreements, information, and data contained in their Stipulation, in compliance with Order No. 21121. In addition, the commission also acknowledges the Parties' present workload and schedule involving other commission dockets, supporting the Parties' request for additional time to comply with Order No. 21121.

Accordingly, the commission: (1) finds good cause to enlarge the deadline by which the Parties shall review and update, if necessary, the agreements, information, and data contained in their Stipulation; and (2) grants the Parties' request for an extension of time.


III.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that the Parties' request for an extension of time until May 31, 2006, to review and update, if necessary, the agreements, information, and data contained in their Stipulation, is approved.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii \_\_\_\_\_ December 5, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_.


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