BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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ORDER

The commission grants 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.²

¹The Parties of record in this investigative proceeding are: HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO"), HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. ("HELCO"), MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO") (collectively, the "Utilities"), the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate"), MAUNA KEA POWER COMPANY, INC., the HAWAII AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER, fka HAWAII SUGAR PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION, and the DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, on behalf of the DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (collectively, the "Parties").

²See Stipulation to Resolve Proceeding, filed by the Parties on March 4, 1994. The Parties' Stipulation reflects their: (1) general agreement on certain issues involving the calculation of avoided cost; and (2) agreement to file position statements on the remaining matters they are unable to agree on.
I.

Background

The Parties' deadline to review and update, if necessary, the agreements, information, and data contained in their Stipulation, is November 30, 2005. 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.

3See 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.


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.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By
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By (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

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I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 22157 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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