BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
HAWAII-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY )
For Approval of Rate Increase and )
Revised Rate Schedules and Rules. )

ORDER NO. 22304

Filed March 3, 2006
At 10:15 o'clock A.M.

Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy
KAREN HIGASHI
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of) Docket No. 05-0103
) Order No. 22304
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ORDER
By this Order, the commission approves: (1) the stipulated prehearing order, which was jointly filed by HAWAII-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY ("HAWC"), the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, and the CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU (collectively, the "Parties") ("Stipulated Prehearing Order"), attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and (2) the Parties' agreement to waive the nine-month deadline for the issuance of a final decision and order in this matter.

I.
Discussion
A.
Stipulated Prehearing Order
On February 21, 2006, the Parties jointly filed the Stipulated Prehearing Order for the commission's review and approval, pursuant to Order No. 22252, filed on January 31, 2006 ("Order No. 22252"). Order No. 22252, among other things, required the Parties to formulate and formulize the issues, procedures, and regulatory schedule with respect to the matters
of this docket in a stipulated prehearing order for filing with
the commission for its review and approval within twenty
(20) days of the filing of Order No. 22252.

Upon review, the commission finds the Parties' Stipulated Prehearing Order to be reasonable. Accordingly, the commission approves the Stipulated Prehearing Order, as filed.

B.

Waiver of the Nine-Month Deadline

Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 91-9(d), states:

Any procedure in a contested case may be modified or waived by stipulation of the parties and informal disposition may be made of any contested case by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or default.

HRS § 91-9(d).

Similarly, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-35 states that "[w]ith the approval of the commission, any procedure in a contested case may be modified or waived by stipulation of the parties and informal disposition may be made of any contested case by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or default."

The commission notes that the nine-month deadline for the issuance of a final decision regarding the matters of this docket is May 25, 2006.¹ In the Stipulated Prehearing Order, the Parties, however, scheduled the evidentiary hearing (if, there is no settlement) for the week of July 12, 2006, after the May 26, 2006.

¹See HRS § 269-16(d).
2006 deadline for issuance of a final decision. The commission construes the Parties' Stipulated Prehearing Order as an agreement to waive the requirement that a final decision and order in this matter be issued within the nine-month period, i.e., by May 25, 2006.²

Accordingly, the commission approves the Parties' agreement to waive the nine-month deadline, under HRS § 91-9(d) and HAR § 6-61-35.

II.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The Parties' Stipulated Prehearing Order, filed on February 21, 2006, and attached hereto as Exhibit 1, is approved.

2. The Parties' agreement to waive the nine-month deadline for the issuance of the final decision and order in this matter is approved.

²HAWC states that by agreeing to the Parties' regulatory schedule it does not waive its right to interim relief within ten (10) months consistent with HRS § 269-16. See Stipulated Prehearing Order, Exhibit A, n. 3.
DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii       MAR - 3 2006

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By   Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By   (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By   Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

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EXHIBIT “A”

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STIPULATED PREHEARING ORDER

HAWAII-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY ("Applicant" or "Hawaii-American"), the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (the "Consumer Advocate"), and CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU (the "City") by and through their respective attorneys and/or authorized representatives, do hereby stipulate to the following provisions of this Stipulated Prehearing Order as mutually acceptable to each.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that the following Statement of Issues, Schedule of Proceedings, and procedures shall be utilized in this docket.

I. STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

The issues in this case are:

1. Is Hawaii-American’s proposed general rate increase reasonable?
   a. Are the proposed tariffs, rates and charges just and reasonable?
   b. Are the revenue forecasts for Test Year ending December 31, 2006 ("Test Year") at present rates and proposed rates reasonable?
   c. Are the projected operating expenses for Test Year reasonable?
d. Is the projected rate base for Test Year reasonable, and are the properties included in the rate base used or useful for public utility purposes?

e. Is the rate of return requested fair?

2. Whether any other relief (e.g., interim relief) as may be just and reasonable should be granted under the circumstances?

II.

SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

The parties shall adhere to the schedule of proceedings set forth in the Stipulated Regulatory Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Notwithstanding the above, the parties shall have the right to amend the Stipulated Regulatory Schedule as may be agreed in writing from time to time. However, the intent of the parties in agreeing to a schedule at this time is to promote the efficient and cost-effective allocation of resources. Therefore, any changes to the schedule should be proposed only when there is an urgency or substantial competing need that cannot be reasonably accommodated without a change.

III.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

A party to this proceeding may submit information requests to another party within the time schedule specified in this Stipulated Prehearing Order. If a party is unable to provide the information requested within the prescribed time period, it should so indicate to the inquiring party as soon as possible. The parties shall then endeavor to agree upon a later date for submission of the requested information. If the parties are unable to agree, the inquiring party may seek approval from the Commission and make a showing of good cause. It is then within the Commission's discretion to allow additional information requests.

In lieu of responses to information requests that would require the reproduction of voluminous documents or materials (e.g. documents over 50 pages), the documents or materials may be made available for reasonable inspection and copying at a mutually agreeable
designated location and time. In the event such information is available on computer diskette, the party responding to the information request may make the diskette available to the other party and the Commission. A party shall not be required, in a response to an information request, to provide data that is/are already on file with the Commission or otherwise part of the public record, or that may be stipulated to pursuant to Part VI, infra. The responding party shall, in lieu of production of a document in the public record, include in its response to the information request an identification of the document with reasonable specificity sufficient to enable the requesting party to locate and copy the document. In addition, a party shall not be required, in a response to an information request, to make computations, compute ratios, reclassify, trend, calculate, or otherwise rework data contained in its files or records.

A party may object to responding to an information request that it deems to be irrelevant, immaterial, unduly burdensome, onerous or repetitious, or where the response contains information claimed to be privileged or subject to protection (confidential information). If a party claims that information requested is confidential, and withholds production of all or a portion of such confidential information, the party shall: (1) provide information reasonably sufficient to identify the confidential information withheld from the response, without disclosing privileged or protected information; (2) state the basis for withholding the confidential information (including, but not limited to, the specific privilege applicable or protection claimed for the confidential information and the specific harm that would befall the party if the information were disclosed); and (3) state whether the party is willing to provide the confidential information pursuant to a protective order.

A party seeking production of documents notwithstanding a party's claim of confidentiality, may file a motion to compel production with the Commission.
IV.

WITNESSES

Witnesses submitting written testimony and exhibits shall be made available for cross-
examination at the hearing. Witnesses should have the work papers used in preparing the
evidence they sponsor available at the hearing. Witnesses will not be permitted to read prefiled
testimony at the hearings. Witnesses who will present both oral direct and rebuttal testimonies
must present said testimonies at the same time.

In the oral presentation of the testimony, each witness may give a brief summary of the
testimony and exhibits and shall summarize the issues raised by such testimony. Each witness
shall be subject to cross-examination for both direct and rebuttal testimony and exhibits.

The parties in this case should cooperate to accommodate the schedules of any
mainland witnesses and should inform the Commission in advance of any scheduling difficulties
of mainland witnesses. If any party has any objection to scheduling a witness in advance of
other witnesses, the party should make a timely objection to the Commission.

V.

FORM OF PREPARED TESTIMONY

All prepared testimony, including text and exhibits, shall be prepared in written form on
8-1/2" x 11" paper with line numbers, and shall be served on the dates designated in the
Schedule of Proceedings.

Each party shall be permitted to follow its own numbering system for written testimony
and exhibits, provided that the numbering system utilized is consistent and is clearly
understandable. Each document of more than one page shall be consecutively numbered.
Each party shall prepare a list of its exhibits by exhibit numbers and titles.

The parties shall be permitted to make revisions to exhibits after the designated dates
appearing in the Schedule of Proceedings. Revisions shall bear appropriate revision dates.
However, revisions or additions that do more than correct typographical errors, update facts, or
give numerical comparisons of the positions taken by the parties, shall not be submitted.

Generally, exhibits should include appropriate footnotes or narratives in the exhibits or the related testimony setting forth the sources of the information used and explaining the methods employed in making statistical compilations or estimates.

VI.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC RECORD

To reduce unnecessary reproduction of documents and to facilitate these proceedings, identified matters of public record, such as reports that Hawaii-American has filed with the Commission, published scientific or economic statistical data, material and textbooks, technical or industry journals relating to utility matters, and specified parts of the record in previous Commission dockets shall be admissible in this proceeding without the necessity of reproducing each document; provided that the document to be admitted is clearly identified by reference to the place of publication, file or docket number, and the identified document is available for inspection by the Commission and the parties; and further provided that any party has the right to explain, qualify or conduct examination with respect to the identified document. The Commission can rule on whether the identified document can be admitted into evidence when a party proffers such document for admission as evidence in this case.

From time to time, the parties may enter into stipulations that such documents, or any portion of such documents, may be introduced into evidence in this case.

VII.

COPIES OF TESTIMONIES, EXHIBITS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

1. Testimonies and Exhibits:

   Public Utilities Commission
   465 South King Street
   First Floor
   Honolulu, HI  96813

   Division of Consumer Advocacy
   335 Merchant Street

   Original plus 8 copies

   6 copies
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All pleadings, briefs and other documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be filed at the office of the Commission in Honolulu within the time limit prescribed pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-15.

VIII. ORDER OF EXAMINATION

Consistent with the requirements set forth under HAR § 6-61-31, Hawaii-American's witnesses shall open with its direct case. The Consumer Advocate's direct case shall be presented after Hawaii-American's direct case. The City's direct case shall be presented after the Consumer Advocate's direct case. Hawaii-American shall close with its rebuttal case.

Examination of any witness shall be limited to one attorney for a party. The parties shall avoid duplicative or repetitious cross-examination. Cross-examination shall be limited to witnesses whose testimony is adverse to the party desiring to cross-examine. Re-cross-examination shall be limited to the extent of material covered in redirect examination unless otherwise permitted by the Commission.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

HAR § 6-61-29 concerning ex parte communications is applicable to any communications between a party and the Commission. However, the parties may communicate with Commission counsel through their own counsel or designated official only as to matters of process and procedure.

Communications between the parties should either be through counsel or through designated representatives. All pleadings, papers, and other documents filed in this proceeding shall be served on the opposing party as provided in Article VII above.

All motions, supporting memoranda, briefs, and the like shall also be served on opposing counsel.
X.

**GENERAL**

The foregoing procedures shall be applied in a manner consistent with the orderly conduct of this docket.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
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By ___________________________

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MAILE R. CHUN, ESQ.
Attorney for the CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU
APPROVED AND SO ORDERED AT HONOLULU, HAWAII THIS _____ day of
___________________________, 2006.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By _____________________________
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By _____________________________
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By _____________________________
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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HAWAII-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
Docket No. 05-0103

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¹ During the period prior to the issuance by the Commission of Order No. 22252 on January 31, 2006 granting the City intervention in the subject docket, the Consumer Advocate issued eleven (11) submissions of information requests on Hawaii-American (CA-IR-1 through CA-IR-239), for which responses have been provided by Hawaii-American to the Consumer Advocate. As indicated above, by no later than Friday, February 10, 2006, Hawaii-American will file its responses to these eleven (11) submissions with the Commission. At the same time, Hawaii-American will provide a copy of the responses to the City; provided, however, that a copy of any confidential responses and/or attachments thereto that are being filed under and subject to Protective Order No. 22002 issued in the subject docket will only be provided to the City upon the execution of the protective agreements by their appropriate personnel in accordance with said Protective Order and filing of these protective agreements with the Commission. For all subsequent information requests that may be issued by the Consumer Advocate, Hawaii-American will endeavor to provide and file its responses thereto within fourteen (14) days following the filing of said information requests with the Commission.
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<sup>2</sup> The parties reserve the right to, collectively or individually, engage in settlement discussions at any time on any and/or all disputed issues that may exist between any of the parties' respective positions in the subject docket. In the event a settlement is reached by all or any of the parties, the respective parties will notify the Commission and any other parties accordingly and make such changes to the remaining procedural steps as may be applicable or prudent under the circumstances, including but not limited to waiving any rights to a evidentiary hearing or limited the scope of the hearing to any unresolved issues.

<sup>3</sup> By stipulating to this regulatory schedule, Hawaii-American does not waive its right to interim relief within ten months consistent with the requirements set forth under Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-16. In that connection, the parties will make every effort to expedite the discovery process, if possible, to provide the Commission with a sufficient and complete evidentiary record to render an interim relief decision within the ten-month period.
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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