BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of

HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.

For Approval to Construct an Overhead
69 kV Transmission Line Pursuant to
HRS § 269-27.6(a) for Item H00000725,
Queen Kaahumanu Highway Widening,
Phase I, Henry Street to Kealakehe
Parkway

DOCKET NO. 2006-0016

ORDER NO. 22305

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

Karen Higasi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy
KAREN HIGASHI
Chief Clerk, Public Utilities
Commission, State of Hawaii.
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ORDER
By this Order, the commission instructs
HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. ("Applicant") and the
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of
Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"), to submit a stipulated
procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration
within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.¹ Alternatively, in the absence of a formal procedural schedule, each Party shall submit a proposed procedural schedule for the commission’s consideration by the same date.

I.

Background

On January 24, 2006, Applicant filed an Application with the commission that seeks commission approval for Applicant to relocate 7500 and 9300 69 kilovolt ("kV") transmission lines

¹Applicant and the Consumer Advocate are jointly referred to as the "Parties."
in connection with the Queen Kaahumanu Highway Widening Project, Phase I, in the Kailua, Kona area on the island of Hawaii (the "Project"). The Application further requests that the commission grant a project-specific waiver from Rule 13 of Applicant's tariff, if such waiver is deemed necessary.

In its Application, Applicant stated that a public hearing is not required under HRS § 269-27.5 because "there are no existing residential homes along the section of transmission lines that are proposed to be relocated, the nearest existing homes are approximately one-third mile away, and the zoning designations in the project area are not explicitly designated as residential . . . . Further, the existing transmission facilities are above ground, and HELCO will relocate these facilities not more than 120 feet from their current locations." By letter dated February 1, 2006, the commission informed the Consumer Advocate that it was inclined to agree that a public hearing was not required under HRS § 269-27.5, unless the Consumer Advocate informed the commission otherwise by February 6, 2006.

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3Application of Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. For Approval to Construct an Overhead 69 kV Transmission Line Pursuant to HRS § 269-27.6(a) for Item H00000725, Queen Kaahumanu Highway Widening, Phase I, Henry Street to Kealakehe Parkway, filed on January 24, 2006 ("Application"), at 1. Applicant served a copy of the Application on the Consumer Advocate, an ex officio party to this docket pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-61-62.

4Application, at 13-14.

5The Consumer Advocate did not file comments in response to the commission's February 1, 2006 letter by February 6, 2006.
On February 10, 2006, the Consumer Advocate filed its Preliminary Statement of Position, based on its initial review of the Application. The Consumer Advocate confirmed that it agrees that a public hearing is not necessary in this proceeding, but it stated that it has remaining questions and concerns about the Application. The Consumer Advocate further stated its intent to participate in this docket, including the issuance of information requests and the filing of its Final Statement of Position, upon the completion of its investigation.

Regarding the schedule for the Project, the Application notes that “the estimated completion date of the pole line relocation would be late 2006,” assuming commission approval is received for the Project by “the end of May 2006, and [Applicant] awards a construction contract by the end of June 2006.” Given Applicant’s estimated time schedule for the completion of the Project, the commission will instruct Applicant and the Consumer Advocate to submit a procedural schedule for the commission’s review and consideration.

II.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the Parties shall submit to the commission a stipulated

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'Division of Consumer Advocacy’s Preliminary Statement of Position, filed February 10, 2006, at 2 n.1.

'No persons moved to intervene or participate in this docket.

'Application, at 7.
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.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kaiulani E.S. Kidani
Commission Counsel
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 22305 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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