BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

--------- In the Matter of ---------

TRANS OCEAN TOURS, INC. DOCKET NO. 04-0232

Notice of Failure to Comply
With Hawaii Revised Statutes
and Commission's Regulations;
Order to Show Cause Why
Respondent's Operating
Authority Should Not Be
Suspended or Revoked.

DECISION AND ORDER NO. 22458

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Chief Clerk of the Commission
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DECISION AND ORDER

By this Decision and Order, the commission revokes certificate of public convenience and necessity number 1659-C ("Certificate No. 1659-C") held by TRANS OCEAN TOURS, INC. ("Respondent").

I.

Procedural History

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §§ 271-25, 271-36, and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-62-42(a), § 6-62-24(a), the commission ordered Respondent to appear at 465 South King Street, Room B3, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, at 9:00 a.m., on October 6, 2004, to show cause why Respondent's Certificate No. 1659-C should not be suspended or revoked for failure to file an annual financial report and pay an annual
The commission notified Respondent that Certificate No. 1659-C would be revoked if it failed to appear at the scheduled hearing.

On October 6, 2004, Respondent failed to appear before the commission's hearing officer. As a result, the hearings officer recommended that the commission render the following findings and conclusions: (1) Respondent be found in default for failure to appear at the hearing, and (2) Respondent’s Certificate No. 1659-C be revoked.

II.

Findings and Conclusions

Based on the entire record, the commission finds that Respondent's failure to appear at the October 6, 2004 hearing constitutes a default in accordance with HAR § 6-68-23. Accordingly, because the commission can assume the facts alleged in Order No. 21273 are true in the event of a default, and such facts are in violation of applicable laws, rules, and regulations noted above, the commission concludes that Respondent’s Certificate No. 1659-C should be revoked.

1The commission notified Respondent of the October 6, 2004 hearing by serving Order No. 21273 upon Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, at Respondent’s last known address, or to Respondent’s attorney. Pursuant to HAR § 6-61-21, service is deemed complete upon properly stamping, addressing, and mailing the order to Respondent’s last known address, or to Respondent’s attorney. Additionally, pursuant to HRS § 91-9.5, the commission provided Respondent with notice of hearing via statewide publication in newspapers of general circulation on September 14 and September 21, 2004.
III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Certificate No. 1659-C is revoked, and this docket is closed unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii MAY 5 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:

Stacey Kawasaki Djou
Commission Counsel
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Decision and Order No. 22458 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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