BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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ORDER NO. 22510

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ORDER

By this Order, the commission grants the Parties' request for an extension of time until November 30, 2006, to review and update, if necessary, the agreements, information, and data contained in their Stipulation.

The Parties of record in this investigative proceeding are: HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO"), HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. ("HELCO"), MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO"), the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, 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").

See 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 May 31, 2006. By letter dated May 30, 2006, HECO, on behalf of all of the Parties, requests an extension of time until November 30, 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:

In the near future HECO will informally submit to the other Parties an updated Stipulation for their review. Also, on September 9, 2005, HECO informally submitted to the other Parties updated exhibits to the Stipulation, including 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. 22157, filed on December 5, 2005.
Due to a heavy regulatory workload presently before the Commission, some of the Parties in this proceeding have not had the opportunity to informally confer with each other with respect to updates to the Stipulation.

As good cause has been demonstrated, HECO, on behalf of the Parties, requests that the Commission grant an extension to November 30, 2006 for the Parties to comply with Order No. 21121.


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 particular, HECO represents that "[i]n the near future [it] will informally submit to the other Parties an updated Stipulation for their review." Furthermore, the commission acknowledges the Parties' present workload and schedule involving other commission dockets, supporting the Parties' request for additional time to comply with Order No. 21121.

As examples of their heavy workload, the Parties cite to "Docket No. 03-0372 (Competitive Bidding for new Generation), 05-0315 (HECO 2006 Test Year Rate Case), 05-0069 (Energy Efficiency proceeding), 05-0145 (HECO CIP Generating Station), 05-0146 (Community Benefits Package), 05-0103 (HAWC 2006 Test Year Rate Case), 05-0239 (WHSC 2006 Test Year Rate Case), 05-0330 (HECO request for financing), 2006-0003 (HECO's Human Resources Suite application), 05-0333 (SKWC 2006 Test Year Rate Case), 05-0334 (KRWC 2006 Test Year Rate Case), 05-0288 (WHWC and WHUC consolidated request to revise the CIAC fee), 06-0069 (WHSC request to revise the CIAC fee), Two Rate Cases for the Water Utilities, [and] Young Brothers, Limited['s] tariff transmittal to terminate less than container load service to Maui, Lanai and Molokai."

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. The commission, however, is cognizant of the length of time that this docket has been pending, and requests that the Parties strive to avoid any further delay in this proceeding.

III.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

The Parties' request for an extension of time until November 30, 2006, to review and update, if necessary, the agreements, information, and data contained in their Stipulation, is approved.
DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii JUN - 2 2006

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I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 22510 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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