BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

DOCKET NO. 2006-0360

For Approval of a Multi-Year
Syndicated Credit Facility, to
Borrow Under the Syndicated Credit
Facility, to Use the Proceeds of
the Borrowings for Certain Purposes
and to Use an Expedited Approval
Procedure.

ORDER NO. 22860

Filed Sept. 15, 2006
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ORDER

By this Order, the commission instructs HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"),¹ to submit a stipulated procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration. Alternatively, in the absence of a formal procedural schedule, the Parties shall, at a minimum, identify their agreed-upon deadlines for the Consumer Advocate and HECO to file their position and rebuttal statements, respectively, and notify the commission accordingly.

¹The Consumer Advocate is an ex officio party to this proceeding, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-62(a). HECO and the Consumer Advocate are collectively referred to as the "Parties."
I. Background

HECO, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., is the franchised provider of electric utility service on the island of Oahu. On August 30, 2006, HECO filed an Application seeking certain approvals in connection with a $175 million five-year Syndicated Credit Facility entered into with a group of lenders ("Syndicated Credit Facility"), and the related Notes. HECO filed its Application pursuant to HRS § 269-17 and HAR chapter 6-61, subchapter 9.

HECO explains that the commission's approval of the Syndicated Credit Facility will automatically extend HECO's current 364-day credit facility, scheduled to terminate on March 29, 2007, to a five-year credit facility that will terminate on March 31, 2011. HECO represents that while it does not intend to borrow funds under the Syndicated Credit Facility at this time, "if it becomes necessary, the proceeds from the borrowings with maturities in excess of 364 days could be used by [HECO] to finance its capital expenditures, and/or to repay portions of its existing short-term borrowings incurred to finance and refinance its capital expenditures."

HECO requests commission action approving its requests by December 29, 2006, without a hearing, stating that if approval

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2HECO's Transmittal Letter; Application; Exhibits A, R, and 1 - 8; Verification; and Certificate of Service, filed on August 30, 2006 (collectively, the "Application").

3HECO's Transmittal Letter, at 1.
is not received "by about year-end," HECO will need to start the process of obtaining an alternate credit facility, given the March 29, 2007 termination of the present credit facility. Based on the foregoing, the commission will instruct the Parties to submit a stipulated procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration.¹

II.

ORDERS

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Within twenty (20) days from the date of this Order, the Parties shall submit to the commission a stipulated procedural schedule, incorporating their agreed-upon schedule with respect to this proceeding.

2. If the Parties 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. Alternatively, in the absence of a formal procedural schedule, the Parties shall, at a minimum, identify their agreed-upon deadlines for the Consumer Advocate and HECO to file their position and rebuttal statements, respectively, and notify the commission accordingly.

¹In the event intervenor or participant status is later granted to any interested person, the commission will amend the procedural schedule accordingly, if necessary.
DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii SEP 15 2006

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By John E. Cole, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Azama
Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 22860 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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