BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)

PUHI SEWER & WATER CO., INC. ) DOCKET NO. 2006-0423

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Schedules.

ORDER NO. 23189

Filed January 11, 2007
At 11 o’clock A.M.

KAREN HIGASHI
Chief Clerk of the Commission

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ORDER

By this Order, the commission adopts with modifications the Stipulated Procedural Order submitted by PUHI SEWER & WATER CO., INC. ("Puhi Sewer") and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"), on December 15, 2006.¹

I.

Stipulated Procedural Order (as Modified)

On October 23, 2006, Puhi Sewer filed an application seeking the commission's approval of a general rate increase of $287,270, or 28.1 percent, over revenues at present rates, based on an estimated total revenue requirement of $1,369,422 for the 2007 calendar test year, and an overall rate of return of 9.5%.²

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

²Puhi Sewer's Application; Exhibits PSW 1 - PSW 12; Attachment RO 202; Verification; and Certificate of Service, filed on October 23, 2006 (collectively, "Application").
On November 24, 2006, the commission instructed the Parties to submit a stipulated procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration.³

On December 15, 2006, the Parties timely submitted their proposed Stipulated Procedural Order, including their proposed Stipulated Regulatory Schedule, for the commission's review and consideration, in accordance with Order No. 23072.⁴

Upon review, the commission will adopt the Parties' proposed Stipulated Procedural Order, with certain modifications described below. Specifically:

1. The first notation to the proposed Stipulated Regulatory Schedule is amended to clarify that in the event intervention is granted in this proceeding, "the six-month period shall not apply and the commission shall make every effort to complete its deliberations and issue its decision within the nine-month period from the date the public utility's completed application was filed, pursuant to [HRS § 269-16] subsections (b), (c), and (d)" HRS § 269-16(f)(3).

2. The second notation to the proposed Stipulated Regulatory Schedule states that the Parties reserve the right to Puhi Sewer served copies of its Application upon the Consumer Advocate.

³Order No. 23072, filed on November 24, 2006. Given the six-month deadline of April 23, 2007 for the commission to issue its proposed decision and order in accordance with HRS § 269-16(f), the commission noted that the Parties' proposed stipulated procedural schedule shall provide that Puhi Sewer's rebuttal testimony, if any, be filed by March 9, 2007.

⁴The proposed Stipulated Procedural Order is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Order. The proposed Stipulated Regulatory Schedule (Exhibit A of the proposed Stipulated Procedural Order) includes three notations designated by one or more asterisks.
engage in settlement discussions "at any time" on any or all disputed issues. In response, the commission amends the proposed Stipulated Regulatory Schedule to set a deadline of March 16, 2007 for the Parties to submit any settlement agreement to the commission.

3. The third notation to the proposed Stipulated Regulatory Schedule provides that by April 23, 2007, the six-month deadline governing the commission's issuance of a proposed decision and order, "[a]t this point in the Stipulated Regulatory Schedule, Puhi and the Consumer Advocate will notify the Commission whether they object or do not accept all or any part of the proposed decision and order in accordance with HRS § 269-16(f), as amended." In response, the commission amends the third notation to specify that following the issuance of the proposed decision and order, the parties, as instructed by the commission, will notify the commission whether they object or do not accept all or any part of the proposed decision and order in accordance with HRS § 269-16(f)(3).

Based on the foregoing, the Parties' proposed Stipulated Procedural Order (specifically, their proposed Stipulated Regulatory Schedule) is amended as follows:5

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5Deletions are bracketed, additions are underscored.
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PUHI SEWER & WATER CO., INC. ("Puhi")
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**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 request such changes to the remaining procedural steps as may be applicable or prudent under the circumstances.

***[At this point in the Stipulated Regulatory Schedule, Puhi and the Consumer Advocate] Following the issuance of the proposed decision and order, the parties, as instructed by the Commission, will notify the Commission whether they object or do not accept all or any part of the proposed decision and order in
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II.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The proposed Stipulated Procedural Order submitted by the Parties on December 15, 2006, attached as Exhibit 1 herein, is adopted as modified herein to govern the proceedings in this docket.

2. The Stipulated Regulatory Schedule (Exhibit A of the Stipulated Procedural Order) is amended to read as follows:
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DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii _______ JAN 11 2007 _______

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By ____________________________
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By ____________________________
John E. Cole, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By ____________________________
Michael Azama
Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Filed ____________________________, 2006

At __________o'clock _____m.

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Exhibit 1
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STIPULATION FOR PROCEDURAL ORDER

PUHI SEWER & WATER CO., INC. ("Puhi"), a Hawaii corporation, and the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (the "Consumer Advocate"), by and through their respective attorneys, do hereby stipulate to the following provisions of this Stipulated Procedural 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 Puhi's proposed 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, 2007 ("Test Year") at present rates and proposed rates reasonable?
   c. Are the projected operating expenses for the Test Year reasonable?
d. Is the projected rate base for the 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?

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 may amend the Stipulated Regulatory Schedule as may be agreed in writing from time to time; provided that the requesting party or parties receive the commission's approval in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-23, to the extent applicable. 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 Procedural 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

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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 or compact disc, the party responding to the information request may make the diskette or compact disc 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 V, 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 the protective order governing this docket.

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

The responses of each party to information requests shall adhere to a uniform system of numbering agreed upon by the parties. For example, the first information request submitted by the Consumer Advocate in this docket shall be referred to and designated as "CA-IR-1," and a response to this information request shall be referred to and designated as "Response to CA-IR-1."

Each response shall be provided on a separate page and shall recite the entire question asked and set forth the response and/or reference the attached responsive document, indicating the name of the respondent for each response.

IV.

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.

V.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC RECORD

To reduce unnecessary reproduction of documents and to facilitate these
proceedings, identified matters of public record, such as reports that Puhi 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.
VI.

COPIES OF TESTIMONIES, EXHIBITS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

1. Testimonies and Exhibits:

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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 HAR § 6-61-15.

Copies of all filings, information requests and information request responses should be sent to the other parties by hand delivery or U.S. mail. In addition, if available, all parties shall provide copies of their filings, information requests and information request responses to the other parties via diskette, compact disc or e-mail in a standard electronic format that is readily available by the parties. The parties agree to use Word 97, Word 2000, or Word 2003 as the standard programming format for filings in this case. However, if work papers, documentation, or exhibits attached to any filing are not readily available in an electronic format, a party shall not be required to convert such work papers, documentation, or exhibits into an electronic format. Also, existing documents produced in response to requests need not be converted to Word 97/Word 2000/Word 2003 as long as the applicable format is identified. In the event a copy of a filing, information request or information request response is delivered to a party via
diskette, compact disc or e-mail, unless otherwise agreed to by such party, the same number of copies of such filing, information request or information request response must still be delivered to such party by hand delivery or via facsimile as provided above.

VII.

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 VI above.

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

VIII.

GENERAL

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

This Stipulated Procedural Order shall control the subsequent course of these proceedings, unless modified by the parties in writing and approved by the commission, or upon the commission's own motion. This Stipulated Procedural Order may be executed by the parties in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and same instrument. The parties may
execute this Stipulated Procedural Order by facsimile or electronic mail for initial submission to the Commission to be followed by the filing of originals of said facsimile or electronic mail pages.


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APPROVED AND SO ORDERED THIS ________________________________
at Honolulu, Hawaii.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Stipulated Procedural 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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Signature

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Printed Name
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