BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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KAUAI ISLAND UTILITY COOPERATIVE

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By this Order, the commission instructs KAUAI ISLAND UTILITY COOPERATIVE ("KIUC") 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. 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 KIUC to file their position and rebuttal statements, respectively, and notify the commission accordingly.

I.

Background

KIUC is a Hawaii not-for-profit electric cooperative engaged in the production, transmission, distribution, purchase

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

and sale of electric energy on the island of Kauai, State of Hawaii. It has been an operating public utility since November 1, 2002, when it purchased substantially all of the assets and assumed the operations of the Kauai Electric division of Citizens Communications Company.²

Green Energy Team LLC ("Green Energy Team") is a Hawaii limited liability company. Presently, one hundred percent of its membership interest is owned by Green Energy Hawaii LLC, which is also a Hawaii limited liability company. It is KIUC's understanding that Green Energy Team was formed primarily to construct and operate the biomass electric generating facility ("Facility") on the island of Kauai that is the subject of the power purchase agreement at issue in this proceeding ("PPA").

On May 24, 2007, KIUC filed an Application requesting that the commission issue a decision and order approving:

(1) the PPA between KIUC and Green Energy Team, pursuant to HRS \$ 269-27.2; (2) the related Interconnection Agreement between KIUC and Green Energy dated May 24, 2007; (3) the proposed energy payments to be made by KIUC as set forth in the PPA; (4) the terms and conditions under the PPA pursuant to which KIUC shall purchase renewable energy from Green Energy Team; (5) the inclusion of the energy payments, and related revenue taxes, to be incurred by KIUC under the PPA in KIUC's Energy Rate Adjustment Clause; and (6) such other relief as may be just and

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²See Decision and Order No. 19658, filed on September 17, 2002, as amended by Decision and Order No. 19755, filed on October 30, 2002, in Docket No. 02-0060.

³Application at 4.

reasonable under the circumstances ("Application"). KIUC filed its Application pursuant to HRS \S 269-27.2, HAR Chapter 6-61, HAR Chapter 6-74 and HAR \S 6-60-6(2).

Pursuant to the PPA, Green Energy Team will develop, design, construct, own, and operate the proposed Facility with an expected total net output of approximately 6.4 megawatts. Consistent with the terms of the PPA, KIUC requests that the commission issue a decision and order within six months from the date of the Application, i.e., November 24, 2007, to allow the Parties to timely commence their respective obligations under the PPA.

Under these circumstances, the commission finds it prudent and reasonable to instruct the Parties to submit a stipulated procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration.

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 2007-0142

deadlines for the Consumer Advocate and KIUC to file their position and rebuttal statements, respectively, and notify the commission accordingly.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii ______JUL 1 2 2007 _____.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso Chairman

John E. Cole, Commissioner

Leslie H. Kondo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 23538 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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