BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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

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ORDER

By this Order, the commission approves the deadline dates jointly proposed by KIUC and HREA for the filing of their respective position statements for the interconnection tariff portion of this proceeding.¹ Accordingly, HREA shall file its position statement by September 6, 2007, and KIUC shall file its rebuttal statement of position by September 27, 2007.

¹The Parties in this proceeding are: (1) KAUAI ISLAND UTILITY COOPERATIVE ("KIUC"); (2) HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE ("HREA"); (3) the COUNTY OF KAUAI; (4) CHAPEAU, INC., dba BLUEPOINT ENERGY, STARWOOD HOTELS AND RESORTS WORLDWIDE, INC., and the HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION (collectively, the "BluPoint Energy Intervenors"); (5) MARRIOTT HOTELS SERVICES, INC., on behalf of KAUAI MARRIOTT RESORT & BEACH CLUB ("Kauai Marriott"); and (6) the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"), an <u>ex officio</u> party to this proceeding, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-62(a).

I.

<u>Background</u>

The deadline for the Parties to submit a stipulated procedural schedule with respect to KIUC's proposed interconnection tariff, or for each of the Parties to submit its own proposed procedural schedule, in the event that they are unable to agree on a stipulated procedural schedule, was August 29, 2007.²

On August 29, 2007, KIUC, the County of Kauai, the Energy Intervenors, BluePoint Kauai Marriott. and the Consumer Advocate (collectively, the "Stipulating Parties") Stipulation filed their Regarding Proposed jointly Interconnection Tariff,³ in lieu of a proposed procedural schedule. By their Stipulation, the Stipulating Parties submit for the commission's review and approval their agreed-upon proposed interconnection tariff. As explained by the Stipulating Parties:

> In lieu of developing a stipulated procedural schedule for the Commission's review and approval, as set forth by Paragraph 5 of Order No. 23422, the Stipulating Parties are in agreement that Preliminary Issue No. 2 can be sufficiently addressed and resolved via this Stipulation and

²<u>See</u> Order No. 23422, filed on May 8, 2007; Commission's letter, dated June 15, 2007; and Order No. 23533, filed on July 2, 2007.

³Stipulation Regarding Proposed Interconnection Tariff; Exhibits A and B; and Certificate of Service, filed on August 29, 2007 (collectively, "Stipulation"). Exhibit A is a clean version of the proposed interconnection tariff, while Exhibit B is a black-lined version of the proposed interconnection tariff. without (a) further modifying this issue, (b) performing any discovery on this issue, and (c) establishing additional procedural steps and/or schedule of proceedings including, without limitation, an evidentiary hearing[.]

Stipulation, at 6.

HREA is the only party that did not sign or agree to Stipulation.⁵ Instead, by joint letter the dated August 29, 2007, KIUC and HREA propose deadline dates for: (1) HREA to file its position statement (by September 6, 2007); (2) KIUC to file its rebuttal position statement and (by September 27, 2007). In essence, "KIUC and HREA have agreed to address HREA's concerns via position statements for the Commission's review and consideration in lieu of filing a stipulated procedural schedule setting forth dates for discovery, evidentiary hearing, etc."

Whether KIUC's proposed interconnection tariff is just and reasonable and consistent in principle with the guidelines and requirements set forth in Decision and Order No. 22248, filed in Docket No. 03-0371, as clarified in Order No. 22375, filed in the same docket.

Order No. 23172, at 9.

⁵<u>See</u> Stipulation, at 5 n.10, and 8.

'KIUC and HREA's joint letter, dated August 29, 2007, at 2.

⁴As set forth in Order No. 23172, filed on December 28, 2006, the commission identified preliminary issue number 2 as follows:

II.

Discussion

Here, the Stipulating Parties submit for the commission's review and approval their agreed-upon proposed interconnection tariff, and KIUC and HREA jointly propose deadline dates for the filing of their respective position statements. The commission approves the deadline dates jointly proposed by KIUC and HREA for the interconnection tariff portion of this proceeding. Accordingly, HREA shall file its position statement by September 6, 2007, and KIUC shall file its rebuttal statement of position by September 27, 2007.

III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The deadline dates jointly proposed by KIUC and HREA for the filing of their respective position statements for the interconnection tariff portion of this proceeding are approved.

2. HREA shall file its position statement by September 6, 2007, and KIUC shall file its rebuttal statement of position by September 27, 2007.

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DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii _____ SEP - 5 2007

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

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By_____ Leslie H. Kondo, 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. 23630 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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