BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Request of)

HAWAII SUPERFERRY, INC.)

For Approval on Short Notice.)

ORDER NO. 23844

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At 12 o'clock P .M.

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By this Order, the commission approves on short notice HAWAII SUPERFERRY, INC.'s ("HSF") proposed tariff changes to its Sailing Schedule, filed on November 14, 2007.

I.

Short Notice Filing

HSF's inter-island water carrier service presently consists of one vessel, with a second vessel scheduled to commence operations in 2009. HSF's Schedule of Service, as set forth in Appendix A of its Tariff No. 1A, provides:

<u>Departs</u>	<u>Time</u>		<u>Arrives</u>	<u>Time</u>	
Honolulu	6:30	AM	Kahului	9:30	AM
Kahului	11:00	AM	Honolulu	2:00	PM
Honolulu (ex[cept] Saturday)		PM	Nawiliwili (ex Saturday)	6:00	PM
Nawiliwili (ex Saturday)	7:00	PM	Honolulu (ex Saturday)	10:00	PM

By letter dated November 14, 2007, HSF requests the commission's approval on short notice to amend its Sailing

Schedule by establishing the following new departure and arrival times:

	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Arrives</u>	<u>Time</u>
	Honolulu	6:30 AM	Kahului	10:15 AM
	Kahului	11: 15 AM	Honolulu	2: 15 PM
	Honolulu	3: 15 PM	Nawiliwili	6: 15 PM
	Nawiliwili	7: 15 PM	Honolulu	10: 15 PM
HSF's	letter, dated	November 14,	2007, Tarif	f No. 1-A,
Appendi	x A-1.			

HSF makes its request pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 271G-17(b) and Hawaii Administrative Rules §§ 6-65-5, 6-65-30, and 6-65-41.

In support of its request, HSF explains:

1. Based on a number of factors, its vessel is now projected to arrive in Kahului at 10:15 a.m., approximately forty-five minutes later than the arrival time currently set forth in Appendix A of Tariff No. 1A (i.e., by 9:30 a.m.). The factors cited by HSF include: (A) inclement weather and ocean conditions during the winter months may require the vessel to travel through the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary; if so, pursuant to Executive Order No. 07-10, dated November 4, 2007 ("Executive Order No. 07-10"), the vessel will have to travel at a reduced speed through the winter sanctuary; (B) other conditions and protocols set forth in Executive Order No. 07-10 will likely increase the turnaround time at Kahului port, such

Boldface indicates the time changes proposed by HSF.

that the vessel is now projected to depart from Kahului at 11:15 a.m., instead of 11:00 a.m.

- 2. Due to this "ripple" effect, "[t]he subsequent arrival in Honolulu and voyage between Honolulu and Nawiliwili [will] then be slightly later as well."²
- 3. HSF intends to notify its customers who have already purchased tickets of the changes in the Sailing Schedule by electronic mail or telephone.
- 4. In the future, "[a]s HSF works with the additional conditions and protocols, it hopes to be able to streamline the procedures so that the additional time because of the slower speed and the additional conditions at the turnaround can be recaptured and the schedule can revert to what is shown on [the] existing Appendix A."³

As depicted on HSF's Appendix 1-A, the proposed tariff changes to HSF's Sailing Schedule will have the following effect:
"The voyage [from Honolulu] to Kahului [will] take about 45 minutes longer, with a corresponding ripple effect on the turnaround times and departures for the rest of the day, so that each [subsequent] arrival and departure [for the Kahului-Honolulu, Honolulu-Nawiliwili, and Nawiliwili-Honolulu segments are] fifteen minutes later than what is shown in the existing Appendix A in the tariff." Based on HSF's

²HSF's letter, dated November 14, 2007, at 2 (footnote and text therein omitted).

³HSF's letter, dated November 14, 2007, at 2.

⁴HSF's letter, dated November 14, 2007, at 3.

representations, the commission finds good cause to grant HSF's request for approval on short notice.⁵

II.

<u>Orders</u>

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

HSF's proposed tariff changes to its Sailing Schedule, filed on November 14, 2007, are approved on short notice, effective from the date of this Order.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii _______ NOV 2 0 2007

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman By John E. Cole, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Leslie H. Kondo, Commissione:

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⁵This Order does not address HSF's additional request for the "ability to modify the schedule times by no more than one hour without the need for further Commission approval." HSF's letter, dated November 14, 2007, at 3.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 23844 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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