## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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

# FRED HIGA, JR., dba X-TREME SERVICES

Notice of Failure to Comply ) With Hawaii Revised Statutes ) and Commission's Regulations; ) Order to Show Cause Why ) Respondent's Operating Authority ) Should Not Be Suspended or Revoked) DOCKET NO. 2007-0263

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## <u>ORDER</u>

By this Order, the commission suspends certificate of public convenience and necessity number 1639-C ("Certificate No. 1639-C"), held by FRED HIGA, JR., dba X-TREME SERVICES ("Respondent"), for a period of three (3) months.

### I.

### Procedural History

By Order No. 23738, filed on October 18, 2007, the commission ordered Respondent to appear at 465 South King Street, 96813, в3, Honolulu, Hawaii at 9:00 Room a.m., on November 20, 2007, to show cause why Respondent's Certificate No. 1639-C should not be suspended or revoked for failure to file an annual financial report ("AFR") and pay an annual motor carrier gross revenue fee ("Fee") for the year 2006, pursuant to 271-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §§ 271-36, and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-62-42(a), 6-62-24(a).<sup>1</sup> In its order, the commission notified Respondent that Certificate No. 1639-C would be suspended or revoked if it failed to appear at the scheduled hearing.

On November 20, 2007, Respondent failed to appear before the commission's hearing officer. As a result, the hearings officer recommended that: (1) Respondent be found in for failure default to appear at the hearing, and (2) Respondent's Certificate No. 1639-C be suspended for a (3) months and thereafter be revoked if period of three Respondent fails to file an AFR and pay the Fee for the year 2006.

## II.

#### Findings and Conclusions

Based on the entire record, the commission finds that Respondent's failure to appear at the November 20, 2007 hearing constitutes a default in accordance with HAR Ş 6-68-23. Accordingly, because the commission can assume the facts alleged in Order No. 23738 are true in the event of a default, and such facts are in violation of the applicable laws, rules, and regulations noted above, the commission concludes that

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The commission notified Respondent of the November 20, 2007 hearing by serving Order No. 23738 upon Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, at Respondent's last known address. Pursuant to HAR § 6-61-21, service is deemed complete upon properly stamping, addressing, and mailing the order to Respondent's last known address, or to Respondent's attorney. Additionally, pursuant to HRS § 91-9.5, the commission provided Respondent with notice of hearing via statewide publication in newspapers of general circulation on October 26, 2007 and November 2, 2007.

Respondent's Certificate No. 1639-C should be suspended for a period of three (3) months and thereafter be revoked if Respondent fails to file an AFR and pay the Fee for the year 2006.

#### III.

# <u>Orders</u>

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Certificate No. 1639-C is suspended for a period of three (3) months, effective from the date of this Order.

2. If Respondent fails to file an AFR and pay the Fee for the year 2006 by the time the suspension period has expired, i.e., three (3) months from the date of this Order, Certificate No. 1639-C shall be revoked.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii \_\_\_\_\_

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By

Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bv m Jøhn E. Cole, Commissioner By.

Leslie H. Kondo, Commissioner

Stacey Kawasaki Djou 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. 23918 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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Karen Higashi

DATED: DEC 2 1 2007