

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Customer contributions) for Item)
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And 46 kV Circuit.)
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By this Order, the commission instructs HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO")¹ and the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate") (collectively, the "Parties") to submit a stipulated procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration.

I.

Background

HECO requests the commission's approval to commit approximately \$3,285,391 for Item Y00118, Beckoning Point

¹HECO is a Hawaii corporation and a public utility as defined by Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-1. HECO was initially organized under the laws of the Kingdom of Hawaii on or about October 13, 1891. HECO is engaged in the production, purchase, transmission, distribution, and sale of electricity on the island of Oahu in the State of Hawaii.

Substation and 46 kilovolt ("kV") circuit (the "Project").² HECO makes its request pursuant to paragraph 2.3(g)(2) of General Order No. 7, Standards for Electric Utility Service in the State of Hawaii, as modified by Decision and Order No. 21002, filed on May 27, 2004 in Docket No. 03-0257 ("G.O. No. 7").³ HECO served copies of its Application upon the Consumer Advocate.

In its Application, HECO proposes the construction of a new dedicated distribution substation adjacent to the United States Department of the Navy's ("Navy") plans to build a new Submarine Drive-In Magnetic Silencing Facility ("Facility") in the Beckoning Point area of Pearl Harbor. The Facility will be used to demagnetize (deperm) a submarine to bring the submarine within the magnetic signature parameters specified by the Navy. (Deperming is the magnetic treatment of a ship's hull to minimize permanent magnetism.) According to HECO, the existing 12 kV circuit serving the area of the proposed Facility does not have sufficient capacity.

The scope of the Project includes: (1) constructing a new dedicated, high-profile distribution substation on the Navy's property; (2) extending one existing overhead 46 kV subtransmission line to the new substation site; and

²HECO's Application, Exhibits I through XI, and Certificate of Service, filed on December 23, 2008 (collectively, the "Application").

³Pursuant to Decision and Order No. 21002, filed on May 27, 2004, in Docket No. 03-0257, effective July 1, 2004, the capital expenditures threshold of General Order No. 7 was increased from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million, exclusive of customer contributions.

(3) installing one 3-phase, 15 kV underground cable in a new underground infrastructure from HECO's proposed substation to the Navy's switchgear. The entire project has a total estimated cost of \$3,285,391, excluding customer contributions.

II.

Procedural Schedule

HECO states that the Navy has requested a service date of April 2010 for the new substation and 46 kV circuit, thus HECO plans to begin construction by November 1, 2009. HECO also notes that there is a long lead time for obtaining materials such as a transformer and switchgear prior to beginning construction and HECO plans to place orders for such equipment by March 2009. In addition, the deadline for commission action on the merits of HECO's Application is on or about March 20, 2009, pursuant to paragraph 2.3(g)(2) of G.O. No. 7. Accordingly, the commission will instruct the Parties to submit a stipulated procedural schedule for the commission's review and consideration.

III.

Order


THE COMMISSION ORDERS:


The parties (and intervenors and participants, if any) shall develop a stipulated protective order, if necessary, and a stipulated procedural order to govern the matters of this investigation for the commission's review and approval. If the

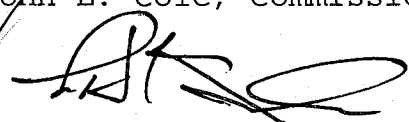
parties (and intervenors and participants, if any) are not able to stipulate, each of them shall file proposed orders for the commission's consideration. Such orders shall be filed within 20 days after passage of the intervention deadline; however, if any motions to intervene or participate without intervention are filed in this proceeding, the proposed or stipulated orders shall be filed within 30 days after the commission issues its order(s) addressing the filed motions.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii JAN 14 2009.

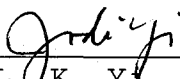
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing order was served on the date of filing by mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the following parties:

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