

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

-----In the Matter of-----) DOCKET NO. 03-0371
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION)
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Instituting a Proceeding to)
Investigate Distributed Generation))
in Hawaii.)
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THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM'S
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) hereby files its Notice of Withdrawal as a participant without intervention (PWI) in this docket.

As outlined in its motion to participate, DBEDT intended to assist the Commission and the parties in this docket by providing relevant studies, surveys and other information related to institutional, policy, financial, and other issues related to the docket. This role of resource assistance and support is entirely consistent with DBEDT's mission and the Director's State Energy Resource Coordinator role, as well as its state energy program activities related to distributed generation (DG), such as co-organizing and co-sponsorship of DG workshops, seminars, and assessments in Hawaii. In thoughtful consultation with Commission staff prior to the order initiating this docket, it was concluded that the PWI avenue and status of docket

involvement was ideal for DBEDT's stated intention and consistent with its mission.

During the meeting held on March 31, 2004, to discuss the Stipulated Prehearing Order, by request, DBEDT explained its interest in and plan for serving as a resource for technical information for the parties in the proceeding. Specifically, DBEDT, as PWI, proposed conducting informational workshops on DG to support the parties and the docket, given the generic investigative nature of the docket.

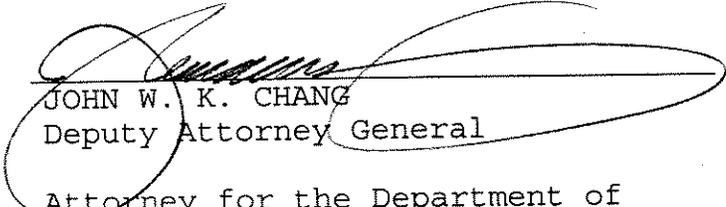
However, following the parties' discussion of DBEDT's proposal and role as PWI, the parties decided that they had sufficient information regarding DG and the issues associated with DG and, therefore, rejected DBEDT's proposal for workshops. With respect to the role of PWI, the parties agreed that "the participants would be allowed to present recommendations on any of the issues in the instant proceeding provided that any recommendation be provided as the respective participant's Preliminary Statement of Position, followed by written testimonies in support of said position in accordance with the Stipulated Regulatory Schedule attached to this Stipulated Prehearing Order." As agreed, DBEDT submitted its Preliminary Statement of Position, followed by written testimony.

It is now clear that the conditions set and agreed to for DBEDT as a PWI are no different than an intervener. It is now clear that DBEDT is not able to accomplish its original objectives. Continuance in this docket also interferes with DBEDT's mission to serve the broadest possible range of Hawaii's energy stakeholders by, for example, conducting public workshops and possibly other public state energy program activities related to DG.

Therefore, DBEDT has decided to withdraw from this docket.

In conclusion, DBEDT thanks the Public Utilities Commission for granting the department's participation without intervention status in this docket. DBEDT also wishes the other parties success in their efforts related to the Docket.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii August 2, 2004



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I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Notice of Withdrawal by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism in PUC Docket Number 03-0371, upon the following parties, by delivering the original and ten copies to the PUC, and by causing copies hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each of the parties listed below.

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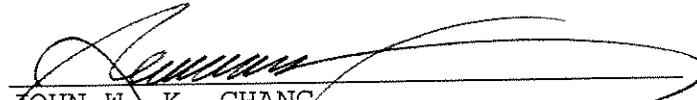
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