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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building
465 South King Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 03-0372 – In the Matter of the Public Utilities Commission
Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Competitive Bidding for New
Generating Capacity in Hawaii

On January 27, 2006, the Commission filed Order No. 22249, amending the Regulatory Schedule set forth in Exhibit A of Order No. 21575, filed on January 28, 2005. The amendment was based on the Parties' proposal to file with the Commission a Joint Submission setting forth the Parties' areas of agreement and disagreement relating to a Framework for a competitive bidding process.¹

Due to the work required in other docketed matters² and the need to respond to legislative pertaining, in particular, to energy matters, the Parties have been unable to meet as frequently as anticipated. In addition, the schedule set forth in Order No. 22249 does not allow the Parties sufficient time to prepare: (a) the Opening Briefs since the April 17, 2006 filing date is one work day after the Parties are to file their respective Final Position Statements in Docket No. 05-0069 (April 13, 2006); and (b) review the Reply Briefs in preparation for Oral Arguments.

As a result, the Parties respectfully request a modification of the procedural schedule as follows to allow the Parties additional time to discuss a proposed Framework for a competitive bidding process. The modifications are intended to also allow the Parties sufficient time to prepare the Opening Brief subsequent to the filing of

¹ See letter dated January 6, 2006.

² For example, Docket Nos. 03-0260, 03-0417, 05-0069, 05-0103, and 05-0242.

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the Final Position Statements in Docket No. 05-0069 and prepare for oral arguments after the Reply Briefs are filed.

Procedural Step	Present Due Date	Proposed Due Date
Parties' Proposed Competitive Bidding Framework	March 31, 2006	May 1, 2006
Opening Briefs	April 17, 2006	May 8, 2006
Reply Briefs	May 1, 2006	May 22, 2006
Oral Arguments	May 2, 2006	May 31, 2006

The above proposed revisions will allow the Parties sufficient time to complete the remaining procedural steps and accommodate the procedural schedules in other docketed matters.³

The Consumer Advocate has been informed by Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. Maui Electric Company, Limited, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative, and Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance that they agree with the requested revisions.

Sincerely yours,



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³ For example the expedited review schedules for Docket Nos. 05-0329, 05-0333, and 05-0334 and the procedural steps set forth in the schedules for Docket No. 05-0103, 05-0145, 05-0146, and 05-0069.