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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 in this docket and its separate motion to participate in Docket 03-0371, DBEDT intended to assist the Commission and the parties in the two dockets 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 energy issues, such as co-organizing and co-sponsorship of 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

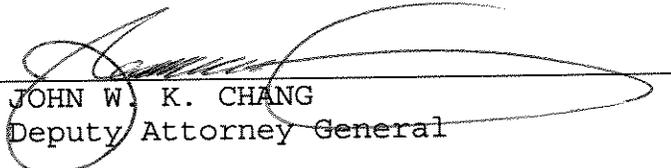
docket involvement was ideal for DBEDT's stated intention and consistent with its mission.

However, in Docket 03-0371 DBEDT learned that the parties expected DBEDT to take positions and offer witnesses. DBEDT's envisioned and originally intended PWI role was thus transformed into one no different than any intervener. Thus DBEDT, by continuing its involvement in the docket, is no longer able to accomplish its original objectives. Continued participation could also interfere with DBEDT's mission of serving the broadest possible range of Hawaii's energy stakeholders. Therefore, DBEDT withdrew from Docket 03-0371, and has decided to withdraw from this docket for similar reasons.

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

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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 03-0372, 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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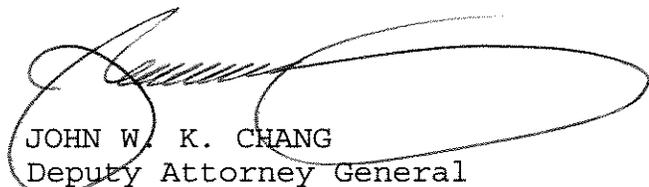
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