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

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 04-0113  
HECO 2005 Test Year Rate

On March 29, 2005, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (“HECO”), the Division of Consumer Advocacy (“CA”) and the Department of the Navy, on Behalf of the Department of Defense (“DOD”) jointly filed a stipulated prehearing order (“SPO”) for HECO’s 2005 Test Year rate case, Docket No. 04-0113. By Order No. 21727 filed on April 8, 2005, the Commission approved the stipulated prehearing order, with a modification for the number of copies to be submitted to the Commission.

As set forth in the SPO, April 29<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Consumer Advocate and DOD to issue information requests (IRs) to HECO. HECO is compiling a list of changes in certain revenue requirements inputs (for example, to update for later information such as year-end 2004 recorded costs) that it has identified in its various responses to IRs from the CA and DOD<sup>1</sup>, and the CA and DOD have requested additional time to review the list and issue additional IRs, if necessary. Accordingly, the parties have agreed to extend the deadline for the CA and DOD to issue IRs to HECO beyond the April 29<sup>th</sup> date.

The parties will submit, for Commission approval, any other schedule date revisions necessitated by extension of the April 29<sup>th</sup> date. The parties do not contemplate that the scheduled date for beginning the Evidentiary Hearing will be revised.

<sup>1</sup> HECO also will provide the details for the changes, if not already provided in the IR responses. For example, HECO will identify the costs for its existing energy efficiency and load managements DSM programs to be included in base rates as a result of Decision and Order No. 21698 (March 16, 2005), separating HECO’s requests for approval and modification of DSM programs and recovery of such program costs and utility incentives from this docket, and opening a new Energy Efficiency Docket, Docket No. 05-0069.



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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Darcy Endo-Omoto at 543-7333.

Sincerely,

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