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William A. Bonnet  
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June 29, 2006

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

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 05-0315  
HELCO 2005 Test Year Rate Case  
Affidavits of Publication

Attached are the Affidavits of Publication for Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.'s ("HELCO") Notice of Public Hearings in the above referenced docket. As indicated on the Affidavits of Publication, public hearing notices were published in The Honolulu Advertiser, the Hawaii Tribune-Herald and the West Hawaii Today on June 14, 2006.

Sincerely,

Attachments

cc: Division of Consumer Advocacy



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
 HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.  
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 of GANNETT PACIFIC CORPORATION, that said newspaper is a  
 newspaper of general circulation in the State of Hawaii, and that  
 the attached notice is a true notice as was published in the  
 aforereferenced newspaper as follows:

The Honolulu Advertiser: 1 time(s), on  
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and that affiant is not a party to or in any way interested in the above  
 entitled matter.

Jane Kawasaki

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of June A.D. 2006.

Elsie A. Maruyama

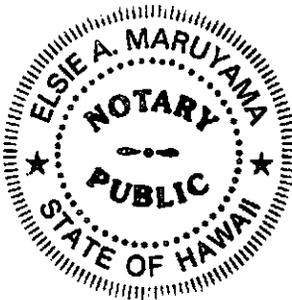
ELSIE A. MARUYAMA

Notary Public of the First Judicial Circuit

State of Hawaii

My commission expires

March 7, 2008





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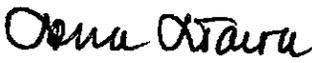
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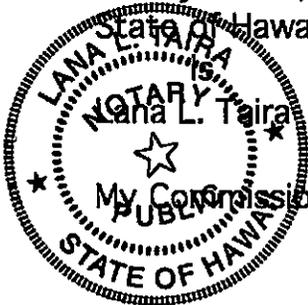
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