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September 1, 2006

William A. Bonnett  
Vice President, Government and Community Affairs  
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Re: Docket No. 05-0315  
HELCO Rate Case

Dear Mr. Bonnett:

By Order No. 22663 filed on August 1, 2006, the commission directed the parties and participants to this docket, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO"), the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"), Keahole Defense Coalition, Inc. ("KDC") and Rocky Mountain Institute ("RMI"), to submit a stipulated prehearing order within fifteen days of the filing of Order No. 22663.

By letter dated and filed on August 21, 2006, HELCO requests an extension of time until September 8, 2006, to submit a stipulated prehearing order. HELCO states that "it is in the process of developing a draft stipulated prehearing order for the parties and participants to review" but "[d]ue to a heavy regulatory workload more time is needed to address this requirement."<sup>1</sup> According to HELCO, the other party and participants to this docket, i.e., the Consumer Advocate, KDC, and RMI<sup>2</sup> do not object to HELCO's extension request.

<sup>1</sup>As examples of its heavy regulatory workload, HELCO cites Docket Nos. 05-0069 (Energy Efficiency proceeding), 03-0372 (Competitive Bidding), 05-0145 (HECO CIP Generating Station), and 05-0146 (Community Benefits Package).

<sup>2</sup>In its August 21, 2006 letter HELCO informed the commission that it was unable to contact RMI with regard to the extension request. Thereafter, by e-mail dated August 23, 2006, HELCO informed the commission that RMI had consented to HELCO's Motion.

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We will treat HELCO's August 21, 2006 letter as a motion for an extension of time ("Motion"), pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-61-23 and 6-61-41. HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1) allows the commission to enlarge a period by which a required act must be completed upon a showing of good cause provided that a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed.<sup>3</sup>

After reviewing the entire record, the commission grants the Motion and approves HELCO's request for an extension of time to file its stipulated prehearing order. HELCO and the other party and participants to this docket have until September 8, 2006, to file a stipulated prehearing order or otherwise comply with Order No 22663.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Benedyne Stone at 586-2047.

Sincerely,



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<sup>3</sup>Motions that do not involve the final determination of a proceeding may be determined by the chairperson or commissioner. See HAR § 6-61-41(e).