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Re: Docket No. 05-0315— Application of Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules.

Dear Parties:

For your information and review, enclosed please find copies of correspondence received by the commission regarding the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is a copy of the commission's response to Mr. Timothy Ambrose.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 586-2047.

Sincerely,

Benedyne S. Stone  
Commission Counsel

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Enclosures

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To TKAphd@aol.com  
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Subject Re: Ridiculously high rates

Dear Mr. Ambrose:

This letter is in response to your e-mail dated August 13, 2006, wherein you voiced concerns about the request by Hawaii Electric Light Company ("HELCO") currently before the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for a general rate increase.

On May 5, 2006, HELCO filed an application for approval to increase its rates and revise its rate schedules and rules with the Commission in Docket No. 05-0315. HELCO's application is still pending before the Commission. The Commission's rules governing Commission proceedings prohibit the Commission from discussing the substance of any matter pending before the Commission. As such, the Commission is not able to respond directly to your specific concerns. In addition, it appears from your e-mail that your questions would be more appropriately addressed by HELCO as opposed to the Commission.

Based on the foregoing, please be advised that your August 13, 2006 e-mail has been incorporated as part of the record of Docket No. 05-0315 and that your concerns and comments have been made a part of HELCO's rate case proceeding. In addition, your letter was forwarded to HELCO and the other parties to this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Benedyne Stone  
Commission Counsel

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To Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov  
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Subject Ridiculously high rates

To Whom It May Concern,

It feels as though we are being penalized for living in Hawaii. The rates are already ridiculously high relative to anywhere I've heard of on the mainland. We pay more for fuel as it is, there's a fuel surcharge on the Helco bill which has raised my rates by \$40-\$50 a month already. We pay more for most items because we are petroleum dependent on the islands and yet our pay does not increase to cover the increased cost of living.

Now you are informing us that you will be raising rates. We aren't given a choice as you have a monopoly. While alternative sources are great, they are inefficient and expensive. It seems to be "lose lose" situation for residents here who are just trying to make ends meet.

Furthermore, it seems inappropriate and unfair to penalize people who use more electricity and reward people who use less. Those who use less pay less already. Why should those whose houses were built prior to the costs being prohibitive be forced now to spend additional money just to keep their lives going? This is similar to providing a tax break to the rich and penalizing the poor. While I support your mission to improve efficiency, I do not support the way in which you are going about it. Do you think that people who have more efficient cars should pay less at the pump for the same gasoline? They are already paying less to run their vehicles. It is outrageous to separate out a commodity in that way so that some users are treated better than others.

While I doubt you'll respond in any way that will have a meaningful impact on my life or those of my many patients just eking out an existence, I would appreciate a reply. It just does not seem right to go about things the way you are. Perhaps you could provide financial assistance and tax incentives for people to convert to solar power as well as solar hot water.

I would also like to know how much HECO/HELCO made in profits last year.

Thank you for your attention in this matter,

Sincerely,

Timothy K. Ambrose, Ph.D.  
Pahoa, Hawaii