

**MINUTES**

**WATER BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FREQUENCY AND METHOD  
OF CALCULATING THE POWER COST CHARGE**

Hilo Operations Center Conference Room  
October 28, 2008

PRESENT:

- Mr. Thomas Goya, Chairperson
- Mr. Riley Smith, Vice-Chairperson (9:08 a.m.)
- Mr. George Harai
- Ms. Millie Kim
- Mr. Bernard "Malu" Konanui
- Mr. Francis Kuailani
- Mr. Bryan Lindsey
- Mr. Robert Meierdiercks
- Mr. Dwayne Mukai
- Mr. Milton Pavao, Manager, Department of Water Supply  
(ex-officio member)
- Mr. Quirino Antonio, Jr., Deputy Manager
- Ms. Kris "Kanani" Aton, Public Information and Education Specialist
- Mr. Richard Sumada, Waterworks Controller
- Mr. Daryl Ikeda, Chief of Operations
- Mr. Clyde Young, Operations Division
- Ms. Julie Myhre, Operations Division
- Ms. Katherine Garson, Deputy Corporation Counsel
- Mr. Jason Armstrong, Hawaii Tribune-Herald

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON GOYA: Good morning. I'd like to begin with reading a few things that were listed for me. The notice of this public hearing was published in the Hawaii Tribune-Herald and in the West Hawaii Today on October 5 and October 7, 2008. I am Tom Goya, Chair of the Water Board; and the members of the Water Board are as follows. Could you introduce yourselves, beginning with Bryan.

BOARD MEMBERS: Bryan Lindsey, Francis Kuailani, Malu Konanui, George Harai, Robert Meierdiercks, Dwayne Mukai, Millie Kim.

CHAIRPERSON GOYA: And I'd also like the staff, beginning with you, Milton, to introduce yourself.

STAFF: Milton Pavao, Quirino Antonio, Kanani Aton, Kathy Garson, Rick Sumada, Daryl Ikeda, Julie Myhre, Clyde Young.

CHAIRPERSON GOYA: And I guess, members of the public. Jason, the only one here. Jason?

J. ARMSTRONG: Jason Armstrong, Hawaii Tribune-Herald reporter.

CHAIRPERSON GOYA: Well Jason, thank you for joining us this morning. We had hoped that members of the public would at least come to see what the process is about; and we thank you for coming and for giving the appropriate information to our consumers. Thank you.

J. ARMSTRONG: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON GOYA: The Department of Water Supply is operated and controlled by this Water Board as provided by the Hawai'i County Charter. Section 63 of Part III, Chapter 54, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, reads as follows:

“The board of water supply may fix and adjust rates and charges for the furnishing of water and for water services so that the revenues derived therefrom shall be sufficient to make the waterworks and water systems self-supporting and to meet all expenditures authorized by this part; the board may establish variable rates among the several districts of the county, or among the areas served by the individual water systems within the county, for the purpose of establishing charges as closely as possible to the necessary amount required for the maintenance and operation of the particular individual water systems; provided no rates and charges shall be fixed or adjusted prior to the holding by the board of a public hearing, public notice of which shall have been given not less than twenty days before the date set for the hearing. The notice shall state the time and place for the hearing and the proposed rates and charges to be considered thereat. The time within which the notice shall be given shall be computed by including the first day (the day of notice) and excluding the last day.”

We are here to receive comments or testimony on the proposed amendment to the frequency and method of calculating the Power Cost Charge. As stated in the hearing notice, all comments or testimony were to be filed in writing before the time of the hearing or are to be presented in person at the time of the hearing. We would like to follow this format as closely as possible; however, because there may be some of you who do not have any written statements but would like to testify or comment, we would like to afford you this opportunity to do so but would like to limit such presentations to five minutes because of the time element.

The hearing is now open for comments from the floor. Will you please wait until you are recognized by the Chair; and for the record, could you please step forward, state your name and the organization you represent, if any.

Are there any individuals from the public willing to provide either written or oral testimony at this public hearing? Hearing none, unfortunately, we don't have anyone here. Again, Jason, we'd like to thank you for coming. Although you didn't provide testimony, I'm sure that you will communicate to the public why we are requesting this adjustment to our water rates. At this time, I would like to entertain a Motion that this public hearing be declared closed.

R. SMITH: So move.

D. MUKAI: Second.

CHAIRPERSON GOYA: Riley moved; seconded by Dwayne. Any discussion? All those in favor of the Motion say aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Unanimous ayes.

CHAIRPERSON GOYA: Opposed? None. Motion carried.

(Public Hearing adjourned at 9:10 a.m.)

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Secretary

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