

MINUTES
WATER BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE POWER COST CHARGE

Department of Water Supply, Operations Center Conf. Rm., 889 Leilani St., Hilo, HI
February 28, 2012

PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Meierdiercks, Chairperson
Mr. Art Taniguchi, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. David Greenwell, Board Member
Mr. Ken Kaneshiro, Board Member
Ms. Susan Lee Loy, Board Member
Mr. Bryan Lindsey, Board Member
Mr. Delan Perry, Board Member
Mr. Rick Robinson, Board Member
Mr. Jay Uyeda, Board Member
Mr. Quirino Antonio, Jr., Manager-Chief Engineer, Department of Water Supply (ex-officio member)
Mr. Keith Okamoto, Deputy
Mr. Richard Sumada, Waterworks Controller
Mr. Kurt Inaba, Engineering Division Head
Ms. Kathy Garson, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Mr. Daryl Ikeda, Chief of Operations
Mr. Kawika Uyehara, Engineering Division
Mr. Larry Beck, Engineering Division
Ms. Julie Myhre, Energy Management Analyst
Ms. Kanani Aton
Mr. Clyde Young, Operations
Ms. Carmen J. Colley, UH nursing student

CALL TO ORDER: 9:45 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON: Will the public hearing of the Water Board on the proposed new cost of Power Adjustment Clause please come to order. A reminder to everybody in the audience, cell phones and pagers to silent, please.

The notice of this public hearing was published in the Hawai'i Tribune-Herald and West Hawai'i Today on January 29, 2012.

Good morning. My name is Bob Meierdiercks. I'm the Chairperson of the Water Board, and will the members of the **Board** please introduce yourselves, from my left, Ken?

(Messrs. Kaneshiro, Greenwell, Robinson, Taniguchi, Lindsey and Perry and Ms. Lee Loy and Mr. Uyeda introduce themselves.)

Thank you. The Department of Water Supply is operated and controlled by this Water Board as provided by the Hawai'i County Charter. Section 54-63, 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 Power Cost Charge, from \$2.23 to **a range of between \$2.23 and \$2.65**. The Department recommends increasing the Power Cost Charge from \$2.23 to **\$2.31**, based on the July 2011 calculations of 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 limit.

The hearing is now open for comments from the floor. Is there anybody to testify?

SECRETARY: No, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON: All right. Okay, there's no one for the record? All right, nobody testifies. There being none, I'd like to entertain a motion that this public hearing be closed.

MR. TANIGUCHI: So move.

CHAIRPERSON: Moved by Art.

MR. KANESHIRO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON: Second by Ken. All those in favor, signify by saying "Aye." (*All Ayes.*) Motion passed. The meeting is adjourned.

(Public Hearing adjourned at 9:50 a.m.)

Secretary