

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

West Hawai'i Civic Center, Bldg. G, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kailua-Kona  
August 23, 2011

PRESENT:

Mr. Dwayne Mukai, Chairperson  
Mr. Robert Meierdiercks, Vice-Chairperson  
Mr. David Greenwell, Board Member  
Mr. Ken Kaneshiro, Board Member  
Mr. Bryan Lindsey  
Mr. Delan Perry, Board Member  
Mr. Art Taniguchi, Board Member  
Mr. Milton Pavao, Manager-Chief Engineer, Department of Water Supply  
(ex-officio member)  
Mr. Quirino Antonio, Jr., Deputy  
Mr. Richard Sumada, Waterworks Controller  
Mr. Kurt Inaba, Engineering Division Head  
Ms. Kathy Garson, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Mr. Larry Beck, Engineering Division  
Ms. Julie Myhre, Energy Management Analyst  
Mr. Alex Frost, Department of Research and Development  
Ms. Chelsea Jensen, West Hawai'i Today  
Mr. Steve Dearing  
Mr. Russ Robinson  
Mr. George Wilkins  
Mr. Ken Kawahara  
Mr. Steve Bowles  
Mr. John Richards

CALL TO ORDER: 9:55 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON: Will the public hearing of the Water Board on the proposed new cost of Power Adjustment Clause please come to order.

The notice of this public hearing was published in the Hawai'i Tribune-Herald and West Hawai'i Today on July 31, 2011.

Good morning. My name is Dwayne Mukai. I'm the Chairperson of the Water Board, and will the members of the **Board** please introduce yourselves, from my left to my right? Mr. Kaneshiro?

*(Messrs. Kaneshiro, Greenwell, Meierdiercks, Taniguchi, Lindsey and Perry introduce themselves.)*

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 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.

Mr. Meierdiercks, the Vice Chair, would be our timekeeper, so when you have one minute remaining, he will put up a sign, and he'll put up a Stop sign when your time is up. I'd also like to remind you, please, if you have a cell phone or a pager, please turn it off or put it on mute.

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, actually sit the table here, state your name and the organization you represent, if any.

Is there anyone here to provide oral testimony? For the record, please state your name and organization, if any.

Is there anyone here for the public testimony?

SECRETARY: Mr. Chair, we have no one signed up for this.

CHAIRPERSON: And no written testimony?

SECRETARY: Not for testimony at this Public Hearing.

CHAIRPERSON: Okay. There being none, I would like to entertain a motion that this Public Hearing be closed.

MR. MEIERDIERCKS: So move.

MR. TANIGUCHI: Second.

CHAIRPERSON: Moved by Mr. Meierdiercks, and seconded by Mr. Taniguchi. Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll call for the question. All those in favor, signify by saying "Aye." Opposed, "Nay"? Motion is carried. Okay.

(Public Hearing adjourned at 10:00 a.m.)

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Acting Secretary-Administrative Assistant

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