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

Department of Water Supply, Operations Center, Conference Room, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo
September 28, 2010

PRESENT:

Mr. Dwayne Mukai, Chairperson
Mr. Robert Meierdiercks, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. David Greenwell, Board Member
Mr. Ken Kaneshiro, Board Member
Mr. Bryan Lindsey, Board Member
Mr. Delan Perry, Board Member
Mr. Art Taniguchi, Board Member
Mr. Milton Pavao, Manager, Department of Water Supply
(ex-officio member)
Mr. Quirino Antonio, Jr., Deputy Manager
Ms. Kanani Aton, Public Information and Education Specialist
Mr. Richard Sumada, Waterworks Controller
Ms. Candace Pua, Assistant Waterworks Controller
Mr. Daryl Ikeda, Chief of Operations
Ms. Julie Myhre, Operations Division
Mr. Kurt Inaba, Engineering Division
Mr. Larry Beck, Engineering Division
Mr. Keith Okamoto, Engineering Division

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.

The notice of this public hearing was published in the Hawai'i Tribune-Herald and West Hawai'i Today on August 31, 2010.

Be sure to turn off your cell phones or put them in vibrate mode, please.

Good morning. My name is Dwayne Mukai, Chairperson of the Water Board, and will the members of the **Board** please introduce yourselves? From my left to my right. (*Messrs. Perry, Taniguchi, Meierdeircks, Lindsey, Kaneshiro and Greenwell 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 **within a range of \$1.55 to \$1.91**. The Department recommends decreasing the Power Cost Charge from \$1.91 to **\$1.66**, based on August 2010 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. 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.

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

There being none, I would like to entertain a motion that this public hearing be closed.

MR. MEIERDIERCKS: So move.

MR. GREENWELL: Second.

CHAIRPERSON: It has been moved and seconded that the public hearing is closed. All those in favor say “aye.” Opposed? Motion is carried. Thank you.

(Public Hearing adjourned at 9:49 a.m.)

Senior Clerk-Stenographer

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