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WATER BOARD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE POWER COST CHARGE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY

September 24, 2019

DWS Hilo Operations Center Conference Room, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. William Boswell, Jr., Chairperson
Mr. Eric Scicchitano, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. David De Luz, Jr.
Mr. Leningrad Elarionoff
Mr. Zendo Kern
Mr. Kenneth Sugai
Mr. Keith K. Okamoto, Manager-Chief Engineer, Department of Water
Supply (ex-officio member)

ABSENT: Ms. Julie Hugo, Water Board Member
Mr. Bryant Balog, Water Board Member
Mr. Nestorio Domingo, Water Board Member
Director, Department of Public Works (ex-officio member)
Director, Planning Department (ex-officio member)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Diana Mellon-Lacey, Deputy Corporation Counsel

DEPARTMENT OF
WATER SUPPLY STAFF: Mr. Kawika Uyehara, Deputy
Mr. Warren Ching, Energy Management Analyst
Mr. Kurt Inaba, Engineering Division Head
Mr. Richard Sumada, Waterworks Controller
Mr. Daryl Ikeda, Operations Division Head
Mr. Clyde Young, Operations Division
Mr. Eric Takamoto, Operations Division

(Chairperson Boswell called the Public Hearing to order at 9:45 a.m.)

Chairperson Boswell: Good morning. 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 September 4, 2019.

Chairperson Boswell: My name is William Boswell, Chairperson of the Water Board, and will the members of the Board please introduce themselves?

Board Members: Leningrad Elarionoff; Eric Scicchitano; David De Luz, Jr.; Zendo Kern; Ken Sugai.

Chairperson Boswell: 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. The Department recommends increasing the Power Cost Charge from **\$1.96** to **\$2.00** per thousand gallons to reflect the increase in power costs.

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. Do we have?

Secretary: No, Mr. Chair.

Chairperson Boswell: There being no testimony, I would like to entertain a motion that this public hearing be closed.

L. Elarionoff: So move.

E. Scicchitano: Second.

Chairperson Boswell: It has been moved and seconded that the public hearing is closed. All those in favor say "aye."

Board Members: Unanimous ayes.

Chairperson Boswell: Opposed? (none) Motion is carried. Thank you.

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

Recording Secretary