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The Honorable Chair and Members of  
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission  
Kekuanaoa Building  
465 South King Street, 1st Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Transmittal No. 13-01 (Decoupling) -- Application of Maui Electric Company, Ltd. For Approval to modify the RBA Rate Adjustment in its Revenue Balancing Account Provision Tariff.

Pursuant to Final Decision and Order and Dissenting Opinion of Leslie H. Kondo, Commissioner, filed on August 31, 2010 filed in Docket No. 2008-0274 ("2008-0274 D&O") by the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), the deadline for the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate") to file a Statement of Position ("SOP") is 30 days after the HECO Companies<sup>1</sup> make their Revenue Balancing Account ("RBA") provision filings.

This is to inform the Commission that the Consumer Advocate is continuing to review MECO's RBA provision filing that was filed on March 28, 2013. As part of that review, there are responses to certain information requests that are still outstanding. It is the Consumer Advocate's understanding that MECO should be responding to the outstanding information requests on April 29, 2013. Since MECO's RBA provision tariff was filed on March 28, 2013, pursuant to the 2008-0274 D&O, the Consumer Advocate

<sup>1</sup> The HECO Companies is comprised of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO"), Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO") and Maui Electric Company, Limited ("MECO").

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should be filing its SOP on April 29, 2013.<sup>2</sup> To allow consideration of the information that MECO will be providing in response to information requests, the Consumer Advocate is seeking additional time to complete its SOP.

As a result, based on the assumption that the outstanding responses will be filed on April 29, 2013, the Consumer Advocate respectfully requests an extension until Monday, May 6, 2013, to file its SOP.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

  
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<sup>2</sup> By the Consumer Advocate's calculations, the 30<sup>th</sup> day after March 28, 2013 is April 27, 2013. Since April 27, 2013 falls on a weekend, pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules 6-61-22, the due date for the Consumer Advocate's SOP should be April 29, 2013, the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.