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April 30, 2015

Dean K. Matsuura Manager, Regulatory Rate Proceedings Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. P. O. Box 2750 Honolulu, Hawaii 96840

Dear Mr. Matsuura:

RE: Transmittal No. 15-04 – In the Matter of the Application of Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. For Approval to Modify the RBA Rate Adjustment in Its Revenue Balancing Account Provision Tariff.

In the interest of expediting our review in the above matter, the Division of Consumer Advocacy hereby submits its First Submission of Information Requests. In order to facilitate our review, we would appreciate receiving your responses by **Thursday, May 7, 2015**. Timely receipt of your responses by this date would allow for additional discovery, if needed, to clarify any information rendered in response to our requests.

If you are unable to respond by this date or if there are any questions or concerns regarding the information requests, please call Dean Nishina at (808) 586-2765. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

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vcc: Public Utilities Commission

TRANSMITTAL NO. 15-04

HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.

FIRST SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

INSTRUCTIONS

In order to expedite and facilitate the Consumer Advocate's review and analysis in the above matter, the following is requested:

- 1. For each response, the Company should identify the person who is responsible for preparing the response as well as the witness who will be responsible for sponsoring the response should there be an evidentiary hearing;
- 2. Unless otherwise specifically requested, for applicable schedules or workpapers, the Company should provide hard copies of each schedule or workpaper together with one copy of each such schedule or workpaper on electronic media in a mutually agreeable format (e.g., Excel and Quattro Pro, to name two examples); and
- 3. When an information request makes reference to specific documentation used by the Company to support its response, it is not intended that the response be limited to just the specific document referenced in the request. The response should include any non-privileged memoranda, internal or external studies, assumptions, Company instructions, or any other relevant authoritative source which the Company used.

- 4. Should the Company claim that any information is not discoverable for any reason:
 - a. State all claimed privileges and objections to disclosure;
 - State all facts and reasons supporting each claimed privilege and objection;
 - c. State under what conditions the Company is willing to permit disclosure to the Consumer Advocate (<u>e.g.</u>, protective agreement, review at business offices, etc.); and
 - d. If the Company claims that a written document or electronic file is not discoverable, besides complying with subparagraphs 4(a-c), identify each document or electronic file, or portions thereof, that the Company claims are privileged or will not be disclosed, including the title or subject matter, the date, the author(s) and the addressee(s).

TRANSMITTAL NO. 15-04 HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.

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CA-IR-1 Ref: HELCO WP-D4-001A, page 2, Line 27, WP-D4-001B, line 27 (Legal/Consulting Fees ADIT).

Please explain the transactions and book/tax timing difference associated with the \$462,363/\$84,547 Federal/State debit ADIT balances for "Legal/Consulting Fee PPA" and explain whether and why such amount is properly included in RAM rate base. Provide references to any prior rate case orders where these transactions are believed to have been addressed (if applicable).