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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION HOSTS PUBLIC HEARING ON PUHI SEWER & WATER RATE INCREASES

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LĪHU'E, Hawai'i – The Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission will host a public hearing August 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Līhu'e State Office Building on Aqua Puhi, LLC, dba Puhi Sewer & Water Company's application for rate increases, revised rate schedules, and changes to its tariff, which are the regulated rules and policies of the company.

Puhi Sewer & Water Company seeks the commission's approval to increase its total revenue by \$1,183,858, or approximately 54% more than it currently collects. This represents a potential 7.82% rate of return. The company also requests changes to its tariff which include rate and fee increases, and revisions to its rules.

Puhi Sewer & Water Company asserts that current rates are not enough to cover its expenses or earn a fair return on its investments.

The commission will investigate whether the company's proposals are just and reasonable.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and share their views during the hearing. Written comments are also welcome and should reference Docket No. 2025-0213. Written comments may be submitted online on the commission's website, by email or mail.

Date: Tuesday, August 19

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Līhu'e State Office Building,

3060 Eiwa Street, Rooms 209 A, B, and C

Submit written comments at: https://hpuc.my.site.com/cdms/s/consumers/public-

comments

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About the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission:

The commission oversees and regulates essential utility services across the state, including electricity, gas, private water and wastewater systems, telecommunications, intraisland shipping and the transportation of people and property. The commission ensures customers have access to essential utility services delivered in safe, reliable and resilient ways.