

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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By this Order, the commission sets the Public Benefits Fee ("PBF") surcharge for 2012 at 1.5% of the projected total electric revenues of the HECO Companies,¹ plus revenue taxes.²

¹HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO"), HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. ("HELCO"), and MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED. ("MECO") are collectively referred to as the "HECO Companies". The parties to this docket are: the HECO Companies, the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, HAIKU DESIGN & ANALYSIS, LIFE OF THE LAND, HAWAII SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION, HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE, HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC., ENERGY INDUSTRIES, LLC.

²See Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 269-121 (authorizing commission to establish a public benefits fee). See also Order Approving the Public Benefits Fee Budget for Program Years 2011 and 2012, filed February 1, 2011 (approving PBF 2011 and 2012 program budget based on a 1.5% surcharge amount for each year).

The PBF surcharge shall remain at this level until so ordered by the commission.³

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

The 2012 PBF Surcharge shall be set as follows:

1. The 2012 PBF surcharge will collect revenue through a per kilowatt hour ("kWh") surcharge.
2. The PBF surcharge will consist of separate residential and commercial/industrial ("C/I") components that will collect the target revenue equal to 1.5% of the projected total electric revenue, plus revenue taxes.
3. The split between the residential and C/I surcharge components is 45% and 55%, respectively.
4. The PBF surcharge will be assessed statewide, such that customers served under a given rate schedule (e.g., Schedule R) will pay the same cent per kWh surcharge, regardless of service territory, as the PBF programs are intended to be available statewide and provide a statewide benefit.

³Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 269-96, a separate investigatory proceeding was initiated by the commission to establish energy efficiency portfolio standards ("EEPS") for the State of Hawai'i. See In re Public Utilities Commission, Docket No. 2010-0037, Order Initiating Investigation, filed on March 8, 2010. Among the issues being examined in the EEPS docket is whether the PBF's current funding is sufficient to achieve the EEPS goals for 2015, 2020, 2025, and 2030, and if not, what the appropriate level of funding for the PBF should be. Accordingly, the PBF surcharge amount may be modified by the commission upon resolution of the EEPS docket.

5. The cent per kWh surcharge should be calculated by dividing the target residential and C/I PBF surcharge revenues by the projected residential and C/I sales collectively for the HECO Companies.
6. As with the 2011 PBF surcharge, the 2012 PBF surcharge should be included on customers' bills as a separate line item titled "PBF Surcharge" and the revenue will be collected by the HECO Companies beginning on January 1, 2012.
7. As with the 2011 PBF surcharge, the HECO Companies will transfer the collected PBF surcharge revenues, less the revenue tax liabilities, to the commission's fiscal agent on a monthly basis.
8. The amount actually collected through the PBF surcharge will be compared to the target PBF surcharge revenue. The difference would be applied as a credit or debit to the following year's target PBF surcharge revenue. This reconciliation will be performed separately for residential and C/I PBF surcharge revenue.
9. The PBF surcharge may be modified at the commission's discretion.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii NOV 16 2011

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