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VIA U.S. MAIL

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Re: Docket Nos. 03-0372 and 03-0253
Competitive Bidding and Integrated Resource Planning

Dear Mr. Bonnet:

By letters dated and filed on September 24, 2007, in the above-referenced dockets, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO") requested commission approval "to proceed with a competitive bidding process to acquire up to approximately 100MW of non-firm renewable energy for the Island of Oahu" ("Competitive Bidding Process") and for approval of a contract between HECO and New Energy Opportunities, Inc. for an Independent Observer to oversee that Competitive Bidding Process.

This letter is to inform you that the commission will be opening a new docket to address issues related to the Competitive Bidding Process identified in your September 24, 2007 letters. Specifically, the commission intends to address the requests for commission approval identified in your September 24, 2007 letters in that docket, and any other matters that may require commission approval related to the Competitive Bidding Process described in your letters, with the exception of the approval of any contracts that may result from the Competitive Bidding Process. A new docket will provide for the more orderly and efficient filing and review of matters pertaining to the specific Competitive Bidding Process identified in your letters. As such, any subsequent filings related to the Competitive Bidding Process identified in your letters should be filed in that docket.

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If you or any other party to Docket Nos. 03-0372 and 03-0253 have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (808) 586-2020.

Sincerely,



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