

DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
PRINCEVILLE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.)
For Approval of General Rate Increase)
and Certain Tariff Changes.)

DOCKET NO. 2025-0172

DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY'S
FOURTH SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Pursuant to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission's Order No. 41752 Regarding Completed Application and Other Initial Matters filed on June 9, 2025, the Division of Consumer Advocacy hereby submits its **FOURTH SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION REQUESTS** in the above docketed matter.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, August 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

By /s/ Michael S. Angelo
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Executive Director

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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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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, Respondent instructions, or any other relevant authoritative source which the Respondent used.

4. Should the Respondent claim that any information is not discoverable for any reason:
- a. State all claimed privileges and objections to disclosure;
 - b. State all facts and reasons supporting each claimed privilege and objection;
 - c. State under what conditions the Respondent is willing to permit disclosure to the Consumer Advocate (e.g., protective agreement, review at business offices, etc.); and
 - d. If the Respondent 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 Respondent claims are privileged or will not be disclosed, including the title or subject matter, the date, the author(s) and the addressee(s).

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CA-IR-69

Ref: Application

The Consumer Advocate notes how the Application, at 3, states, “PUCI is a public utility that holds a CPCN to provide water and wastewater collection and treatment services in the Princeville resort and community service area on the island of Kauai.” and cites Decision and Order No. 9773, filed on May 27, 1988, in Docket No. 6137; please confirm whether this May 27, 1988 issuance date is the date upon which Princeville Utilities Company, Inc. (“PUCI”) began operations as a public utility. Or, if not on that date, then please provide the date upon which PUCI began operations as a public utility.

CA-IR-70

Ref: PUCI Response to CA-IR-59 and CA-IR-60

PUCI states:

There is no depreciation study in support of the depreciation rates. The rates were established based on the experience of PUCI’s employees for the specific plant elements.

- a. Please state whether PUCI’s regulatory accounts include vintage data for water and sewer additions and retirements.

- b. If the response to part a. is yes, then please provide the water and sewer vintage data for the period 2010 to 2024 in Excel spreadsheet format.
- c. For the years 2010 to 2024, please provide in Excel spreadsheet format water and sewer plant additions and retirements data in the same format as Exhibits PUCI-W-8.2 - 8.3 and Exhibits PUCI-S-8.2 – 8.3.

CA-IR-71

Ref: Application

Please provide an analysis of the revenue requirement impact of a 1 basis-point, 5 basis-point, and 10 basis-point increase in the company's current allowed return on equity, allowed capital structure, and current cost of debt, all else remaining equal. Please provide the same estimated revenue requirement impacts assuming the Commission allows your requested capital structure and cost of debt.

CA-IR-72

Ref: Application

Please provide PUCI's cost of debt based on its actual recorded debt.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY'S FOURTH SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION REQUESTS** was duly served upon the following parties electronically to the e-mail addresses below pursuant to HAR § 16-601-21(d), as modified by Order No. 38270 Setting Forth Public Utilities Commission Electronic Filing and Service Procedures, filed on March 14, 2022.

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