

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department
County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii

Application for)
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA)
USE PERMIT)
by)
HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY,)
INC.)
for)
INSTALLATION OF TRANSMISSION LINE) SMA USE PERMIT NO. 87
AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS)
in)
the South Hilo, North Hilo)
and Hamakua Districts, Hawaii)

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT

The County Planning Commission at a duly held public hearing on January 11, 1979, considered the application of HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. for a Special Management Area Use Permit in accordance with Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, to allow the installation of a 69 KV transmission line and related improvements from Pepe'eekeo to Honoka'a along the existing utility corridor within the South Hilo, North Hilo, and Hamakua Districts, Hawaii.

The Commission has found:

That the approval of this project will not be contrary to Rule No. 9 of the Planning Commission, the Environmental Shoreline Protection Act, or the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act as contained in Chapter 205-A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The proposed improvements will not have any substantial adverse environmental impact on the surrounding areas or the shoreline. The transmission line improvements will be constructed entirely within the existing Hawaii Belt Road right-of-way. While there may be some adverse effects from noise and other impacts associated with the construction phase of the project, these impacts will be clearly outweighed by the cumulative benefits of the proposed powerline improvements which will increase reliability of the electrical service between East and West Hawaii. In addition the new line will also maintain normal voltage during periods when one of the three transmission lines are down due to Maintenance or trouble. Consequently, the construction of these proposed improvements will better enable the Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. to provide dependable, efficient electrical service between the East and West Hawaii.

This is in concert with the goals and policies of the General Plan Public Utility element which calls for the provision of adequate, efficient and dependable public utility service and to encourage the improvement of the existing utility service to meet the needs of the users.

Therefore, the Commission hereby grants to the petitioner a Special Management Area Use Permit to allow the installation of a 69 KV transmission line and related improvements from Pepe'ekeo to Honoka'a along the existing utility corridor within the South Hilo, North Hilo, and Hamakua Districts, Hawaii, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the proposed improvement shall conform to the plans submitted and representations made by the petitioner.
2. That construction of the proposed project shall commence within one (1) year of the effective date of approval of the Special Management Area Use Permit and be completed within two (2) years thereafter.
3. That all other applicable rules, regulations and requirements shall be complied with.

Should these conditions not be met, the Special Management Area Use Permit may be deemed null and void by the Planning Commission.

The effective date of the permit shall be January 11, 1979.

Dated at Hilo, Hawaii, this 25th day of January, 1979.



William F. Mielcke
Chairman, Planning Commission

