## Informational Briefing Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

# ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATION AND ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENTS

Public Utilities Commission State of Hawaii Carlito P. Caliboso Chairman January 15, 2009

### Public Utilities Commission State of Hawaii

### Regulation of Public Utilities:

- Public utilities required to provide customers with reliable services at just and reasonable rates
- Provide regulated companies with a fair opportunity to earn a reasonable rate of return

# Industries Regulated by Commission

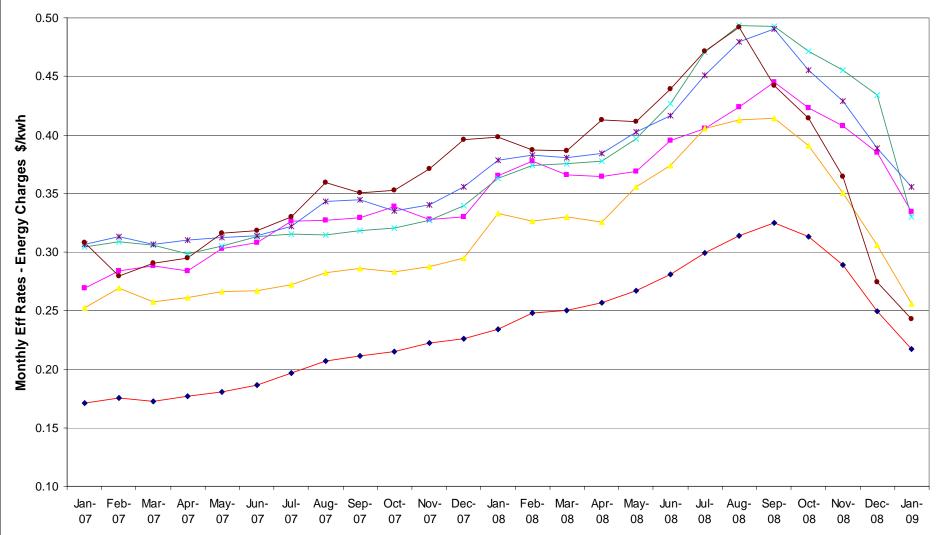
- Electricity
- Telecommunications
- Gas
- Water Utilities (Private)
- Wastewater Utilities (Private)
- Transportation Water Carriers
- Transportation Motor Carriers
- Petroleum Monitoring

### Commission Powers and Rate Regulation

- General supervisory power over public utilities under Chapter 269, HRS. HRS §269-6(a).
- All rates must be just and reasonable. §269-16(b)
- Commission approval required for any rate changes, and automatic adjustment clause. HRS §269-16(b), §269-16(g).

#### **EFFECTIVE RATES**





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### **OIL PRICES (WTI)**

- OIL WTI

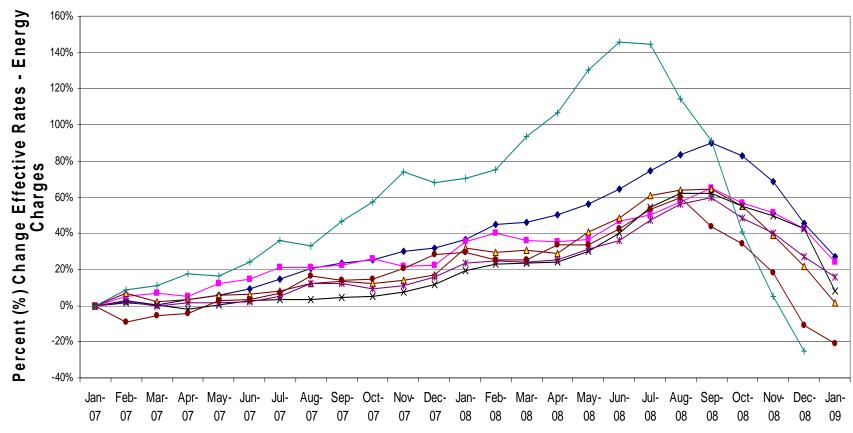


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#### **EFFECTIVE RATES AND OIL PRICE CHANGES**

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