

-COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

March 11, 2005

**Committee
Report No.**

05-32

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works Committee, having met on February 28, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 04-128, from the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED AND VERIZON HAWAII, INC., TO PLACE SEVEN UTILITY POLES ON COPP ROAD, KULA, MAUI, HAWAII".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the installation of six 40-foot utility poles and one 45-foot utility pole along Copp Road in Kula.

Your Committee notes that County Communication No. 04-128 was referred to the prior Council's Public Works and Traffic Committee at the Council meeting of May 7, 2004.

By correspondence dated May 13, 2004, the Chair of the Public Works and Traffic Committee requested that the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management provide a detailed map and additional information regarding the proposed installation of utility poles.

By correspondence dated May 25, 2004, the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management provided a detailed map, explained that the Department did not conduct a site visit, and their responses are based on conversations with Maui Electric Company, Limited (MECO).

At its meeting of June 17, 2004, the Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management; a Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Keith Sakamoto, Junior Customer Service Planner, MECO.

There was no public testimony.

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The Committee noted that the installation of these poles require easements on private property, which have not been secured.

The Committee deferred the matter.

By correspondence dated June 21, 2004, the Chair of the Public Works and Traffic Committee requested that MECO provide a status report on their efforts to secure easements on private property and explain what efforts were made to inform the surrounding community.

At its meeting of January 21, 2005, the Council referred County Communication No. 04-128 to your Public Works Committee (County Communication No. 05-13).

By correspondence dated February 24, 2005, Randall Nakama, Distribution Engineering Supervisor, MECO, informed your Committee that MECO is withdrawing its proposal because the property has been sold and the new owner plans to provide underground service.

At its meeting of February 28, 2005, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

Your Committee noted that MECO does not plan to install these utility poles and the new owner of the property plans to have underground service.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communication.

Your Public Works Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 04-128 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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