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Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ELECTRICAL AND  
TELEPHONE DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AT  
MANELE HARBOR, LANAI - JOB H. C. 4167

In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the formal draft environmental assessment 30-day review period for the subject project. We have not received any comments during the review period, therefore, we are filing a Negative Declaration.

Enclosed are the original and four copies of the Negative Declaration and an OEQC Bulletin Publication Form.

The Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, is providing the technical assistance for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation. Should you have any questions, please contact Marshall Ando at 587-1959.

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FOR  
ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AT  
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A. PROPOSING AGENCY

Department of Transportation, Harbors Division  
for  
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of  
Boating and Ocean Recreation

B. AGENCY ACCEPTING AUTHORITY

Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of  
Boating and Ocean Recreation

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

Agencies consulted with include:

State of Hawaii  
Department of Transportation  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

County of Maui  
Planning Department  
Department of Public Works

Others  
Maui Electric Company  
GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company  
Castle and Cooke Properties, Inc., Lanai Company  
Manele Small Boat Harbor Advisory Committee

D. PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

1. General

On behalf of the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, is proposing to install electrical and telephone distribution lines to provide service to the harbor attendant's office and comfort station, and for future electrical and telephone service throughout the Manele Small Boat Harbor.

2. Technical

This project proposes to provide electrical, lighting, and telephone service to the existing comfort station and harbor attendant's office at Manele Small Boat Harbor. Two public pay telephones and provisions for future electrical improvements at the harbor are also included.

New electrical and telephone service will be supplied from existing utilities owned by Maui Electric Company which is located on Lanai Company's property. The utility conduits will be located underground and will require approximately six hundred (600) linear feet of trenching primarily along coral roadway entrance into the harbor. Installation of a new transformer and meter enclosure is also included. Utility easements will be sought from the affected parties.

3. Social and Economic

The proposed improvements will initiate the first increment to provide harbor users with much needed utilities for convenience, safety, and security at the harbor. Communication and lighting are essential for day and night usage of the harbor, and could play a role in the economic viability of the island as the harbor will become a more usable facility. Currently, electricity and telephone service is non-existent throughout the harbor facility.

The total cost of construction for this project is estimated at \$80,000.

4. Environmental

The electrical and telephone trenching work will cause temporary disruption to traffic around the entrance of the harbor. An increase in ambient noise and dust is also anticipated, however, they are expected to be temporary and lasting for the duration of construction. These increases are not expected to permanently lower the quality of air and water in the area.

The proposed project will not alter conditions which may result in the increased possibility of damage from flooding, storm waves, subsidence, or erosion. This project will not encroach into the shoreline area.

E. SUMMARY OF AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The proposed project is located on the south side of the island of Lanai at an established harbor. The utilities will be placed underground and along the harbor entrance

roadway. There will be minimal visual impacts from the installation of normal type, necessary utility equipment. There are no known endangered fauna, critical habitats, historical/archaeological, or cultural sites at the location of the proposed improvements.

The State of Hawaii, Land Use Commission, designates the proposed project site as conservation.

F. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS

This project will not cause any significant adverse effects on the environment.

1. Short-term

During construction, the following minor impacts are anticipated:

- a. Temporary noise and dust in the immediate area of construction.
- b. Depletion of labor and material resources for construction.
- c. Minimal and temporary disruption of daily traffic and operations at the harbor.

2. Long-term

- a. Significant long-term impacts to the ambient noise, traffic, archaeology, flora, fauna, and visual aesthetics are not expected.
- b. Long-term positive impacts are expected to the area. Electrical telephone service will be available at the Manele Small Boat Harbor. This will provide overall safety and much needed utility service to the area.

G. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The "no-action" alternative was considered but deemed unacceptable. No action will result in the continued non-existence of electrical or telephone service which could potentially become an adverse condition.

H. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of construction. All roadways will be kept open to traffic at all times during construction.

I. DETERMINATION

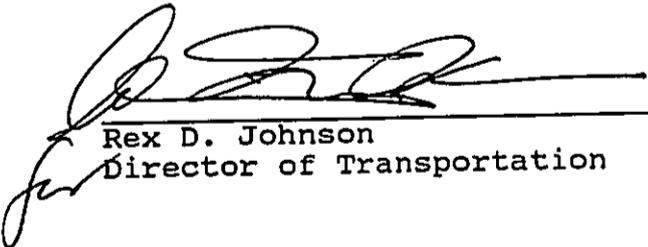
Since no major impacts are anticipated, costly detailed studies are considered inappropriate. Consequently, an Environmental Impact Statement is not being considered and a Negative Declaration is being submitted.

J. FINDINGS AND REASONS SUPPORTING ANTICIPATED DETERMINATION

Evaluation of the effects of the proposed project on the environment indicates that there will be no significant adverse effects on the environment. The proposed project will not:

1. Cause the permanent displacement of any persons.
2. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered plants, animals, or habitats. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.
3. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources, except for the labor and materials related to the construction of this project.
4. Permanently curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.
5. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.
6. Permanently degrade the environmental quality.

For the reasons above, it is anticipated that the proposed project will not have any significant effect in the context of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Section 11-200-12 of the State Administrative Rules.

  
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Rex D. Johnson  
Director of Transportation

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