



December 17, 2019

Dear Valued Customer:

RE: Public Meetings Scheduled for Molokai, Maui, and Oahu Regarding Young Brothers' Application for a Rate Increase and Certain Tariff Changes (Docket No. 2019-0117)

The Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") has scheduled Public Meetings relating to its review of Young Brothers, LLC's ("Young Brothers") request for approval of a general rate increase of approximately 34% over revenue at present rates. Upcoming Public Meetings are currently scheduled as follows:

- Island of Molokai - Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Island of Maui - Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- Island of Oahu – Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Further details regarding these Public Meetings are available in the Notices of Public Meetings attached to this letter. These notices are also posted at Young Brothers' port locations statewide.

Members of the public, including our valued customers, will have the opportunity to provide comments on Young Brothers' proposed rate changes in person at these Public Meetings, but can also submit written comments by either postal or electronic mail, addressed as follows:

Postal Mail:

Public Utilities Commission
465 South King Street #103
Honolulu, HI 96813

Electronic Mail:

Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov

Please reference Docket No. 2019-0117 and include your name, as well as the entity or organization represented, if any.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call your local Young Brothers' office or your account representative. Thank you for your continued patronage.

Sincerely,
Young Brothers, LLC

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

APPLICATION OF YOUNG BROTHERS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A GENERAL RATE INCREASE AND CERTAIN TARIFF CHANGES

Docket No. 2019-0117

The STATE OF HAWAII PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ("Commission"),
HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it will hold public meetings relating to the Application of
YOUNG BROTHERS, LLC ("Young Brothers"), filed on September 25, 2019, for approval
of a general rate increase and certain tariff changes:

The Commission will hold public meetings as follows:

Monday, January 6, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Moloka'i OHA Facility Conference Room
600 Maunaloa Highway,
Building D
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748

Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Velma McWayne Santos Community Center
395 Waena Place
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

The Commission will investigate whether the proposed revenue increases,
changes in rate schedules and rules, and other matters proposed in Young Brothers'
Application are just and reasonable.

Young Brothers is a water carrier authorized to transport property by barge
between the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. Young Brothers
seeks approval of a rate increase of \$26,997,928, which represents a 34.27% increase
over intrastate revenues at currently effective rates, which is projected to be \$78,783,326
(which incorporates a requested return on equity of 10.70%) for the 2020 test year.

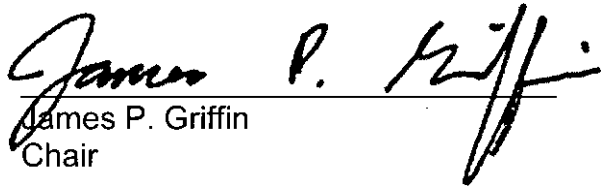
In the Application, Young Brothers states that the "purpose for the requested increase is to sustain Young Brothers' financial viability to ensure the provision of safe, adequate, economical, and efficient service at reasonable rates in conformance with the Hawaii Water Carrier Act" and is "based on the following main drivers: (1) increased rate base; (2) increased operating expenses; (3) continuing decline in intrastate cargo volume; and (4) an increase in the proposed cost of capital."

At the public meetings, the Commission will receive in-person comments from the general public regarding the Application and the proposed rate increases and revised rate schedules and rules.

The purpose of these public meetings is to listen to the views expressed by the general public. All interested persons are invited to attend the public meetings to state their views on the Application, orally, in writing, or both. So that all in attendance will have the opportunity to speak at the public meetings, the Commission may impose time limits for each person's comments.

The foregoing is a summary of the proposals in Young Brothers' Application. Copies of Young Brothers' Application are available for public review through the Commission's electronic Document Management System, accessible at <http://dms.puc.hawaii.gov/dms/>. In addition, copies of Young Brothers' Application are also available for review by contacting Young Brothers' Legal Counsel, Watanabe Ing, LLP [(808) 544-8300], the Commission's Honolulu Office [(808) 586-2020], or the Division of Consumer Advocacy [(808) 586-2800].

Additionally, written comments may be mailed to the Public Utilities Commission, 465 South King Street, Room No. 103, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, or sent by electronic mail to Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov. All written comments should reference Docket No. 2019-0117. Special accommodations for persons with disabilities can be made if requested reasonably in advance by contacting the Commission's Honolulu Office.


James P. Griffin
Chair

Honolulu Star-Advertiser: December 16, 23, and 30, 2019; January 5, 2020.
The Maui News: December 16, 23, and 30, 2019; January 4, 2020.

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Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Hearing Room
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Honolulu Star-Advertiser: December 18 and 25, 2019; January 1 and 7, 2020