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KIUC Offers Smart Grid Community Outreach

Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i – October 24, 2011 – Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) will host the first of a series of community outreach and education meetings on Wednesday, October 26 at their conference room in Līhu'e.

In November of 2009 KIUC joined forces with a number of electric cooperatives around the nation to secure a federal grant to fund the installation of advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) and other smart grid technologies. These systems can help KIUC manage and monitor its grid more efficiently. Since many renewable energy technologies are less predictable than the fossil fuel generators they are replacing, smart grid technology is essential for managing fluctuations in supply and demand.

In addition to helping KIUC meet its renewable goal, AMI will allow the cooperative to provide its members with a variety of new programs and services.

Please join Mike Yamane, Chief of Operations at KIUC, for a brief overview followed by an opportunity to talk to your co-op about the plans for the Kaua'i Smart Grid Initiative (KSGI).

“The initiative impacts all Kaua'i ratepayers,” said Yamane. “So we want our members to understand their rights as a member including the right to be informed, the right to privacy and safety, and the right to data security.”

KIUC encourages all members to attend on Wednesday, October 26, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Hana Kukui building main conference room, Līhu'e.

Live blogging for this event will be available at www.kiucnrenewablesolutions.coop.

Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) is a not-for-profit generation, transmission and distribution cooperative owned and controlled by the members it serves. Headquartered in Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, the cooperative currently serves more than 32,000 electric accounts throughout Kaua'i. Committed to reinventing how Kaua'i is powered, KIUC is aggressively pursuing diversification of its energy portfolio to include a growing percentage of hydropower, photovoltaic, bio-fuel, and biomass. For more information on Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative, visit www.kiuc.coop or www.kauairenewablesolutions.coop.

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