

KIUC Acknowledged for Innovation

Līhu'e, Kaua'i, HI – 3/21/2019 – KIUC has been acknowledged for its commitment to renewable transformation and clean energy by the Energy Systems Integration Group (ESIG).

“Our power systems are rapidly transforming based on new technologies and the wishes of society,” said Mark Ahlstrom, president of ESIG’s Board of Directors at the organization’s annual spring meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. “These award recipients exemplify the progressive and thoughtful efforts from our engineering and technical communities that support these exciting changes. ESIG honors their hard work and provides opportunities for others to learn and build on their outstanding accomplishments.”

KIUC’s Chief of Operations, Mike Yamane, was present to receive the award for “Leading the Way in Utility Commitment to Clean Energy.” The ESIG Excellence Awards recognize energy professionals from around the world for their contributions and accomplishments toward the planning and operation of energy systems across multiple pathways and geographical scales in ways that are reliable, economic and sustainable.

“We appreciate being recognized for the innovative steps we’re taking, many of which are paving the way for others to follow,” stated Yamane.

With the completion of the AES Lāwa’i solar plus battery storage plant in late 2018, KIUC has the ability to generate more than 50 percent of its power from renewable sources. A second AES facility is currently under development in Kekaha at the Pacific Missile Range Facility.

“We expect to be more than 60 percent renewable sometime in 2020,” said Yamane. KIUC’s Board of Directors has set a strategic goal of reaching 70 percent renewable by the year 2030.

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Photo caption: KIUC’s Mike Yamane (3rd from left), is congratulated by (L-R): Mark Ahlstrom, ESIG Board President; Tom Imbler, Xcel Energy; Charlie Smith, ESIG Executive Director