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Rockwell Selected as Energy Storage North America 2016 Champion Award Winner

*Līhu'e, HI – 10/05/16* – Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) announced that Brad Rockwell, KIUC's power supply manager, was recognized with an Energy Storage North America (ESNA) 2016 Utility Champion Award for his innovation and leadership in energy storage and positive impact on the energy storage industry at the ESNA Expo in San Diego.

Brad's technical knowledge and innovative approach to using battery storage has been key to helping KIUC achieve industry leading photovoltaic (PV) penetration levels.

KIUC has three battery storage systems online totaling 10.5 megawatts. The SolarCity dispatchable solar project will add 52 MWh of storage capacity to Kaua'i's grid. No other utility has used storage and PV at these levels.

"Brad and KIUC have been at the forefront of battery storage and it will remain a key component of KIUC's strategy as we move toward 100 percent renewable energy sources on Kaua'i," said David Bissell, KIUC president and CEO.

Rockwell was recognized for his role in developing the first large utility-scale solar and battery storage project that will use PV generated during the day to serve KIUC's nighttime peak. During daylight hours, KIUC's load is routinely served by more than 80 percent of renewably sourced generation, with most coming from PV. Working with engineers from KIUC and SolarCity, Rockwell designed a project that worked on KIUC's small island grid in a cost-effective way.

ESNA—the largest gathering of policy, technology and market leaders in energy storage—celebrated the winners of its 2016 Innovation Awards and 2016 Champion Awards. Award winners were recognized for their leadership in energy storage, services supplied to customers and the grid, unique technology solutions, financing or partnerships.

More information on the award-winning projects and champions can be found at [www.esnaexpo.com](http://www.esnaexpo.com).

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