

## Three Ways to Vote!

### Vote Online

*The easiest way to cast your ballot:*

1. Log on to [www.AlohaVote.com/KIUC](http://www.AlohaVote.com/KIUC)
2. Enter your access code, printed on your reply envelope
3. Verify your identity

*Your anonymous ballot will be created just for you!*

### Vote by Telephone

*The friendliest way to cast your ballot:*

1. Call 877.778.KIUC (5482) (touchtone phones only)
2. Enter your access code, printed on your reply envelope
3. Verify your identity

*Our friendly automated attendant will assist you with casting your vote.*

### Vote by Mail

*The traditional way to cast your ballot:*

1. Review your ballot and all materials provided. Mark your choice on a separate paper first, to avoid spoiling your ballot
2. Vote by completely blackening the oval to the left of your choice as, shown, with a black ink ballpoint pen

CORRECT



INCORRECT



*If you use any other type of pen or pencil, your vote may not be counted. If you make a mistake, do not cross out; exchange your ballot for a new one. It is your responsibility to correctly mark your ballot.*

### Returning Your Ballot by Mail

1. Place your voted ballot only and nothing else into the Secret Ballot Envelope and seal the envelope.
2. Place the Secret Ballot Envelope into the postage-paid Return Envelope.
3. A. Mail the sealed Return Envelope

or

- B. Deliver the sealed Return Envelope to:  
KIUC  
4463 Pahe'e Street, Suite 1  
Lihu'e, HI 96766-2000

**Ballots received after the noon deadline will NOT be counted.**

Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative  
4463 Pahe'e Street, Suite 1, Lihu'e, HI 96766-2000  
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# VOTE

## KIUC GUIDE FOR HYDROPOWER VOTERS

 **Kaua'i Island  
Utility Cooperative**  
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## PLEASE VOTE YES ON THE HYDROELECTRIC POWER BALLOT

The KIUC board earlier this year voted to hire the consulting firm Free Flow Power Corp. to help the utility identify and develop hydropower possibilities on the island, using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission process.

A group of KIUC members has petitioned the utility, asking that the board's action about Free Flow Power at its regular board meeting on March 29, 2011, be submitted to KIUC members for approval or disapproval.

We, the elected members of the KIUC Board of Directors, have reviewed our decisions. We continue to support both our association with Free Flow Power and the use of the FERC process which, in part, protects the utility's investment from "poaching" of projects by for-profit competitors. The board believes these agreements will greatly assist in the development of new hydroelectric projects that would be owned by KIUC and, hence, its members.

We have heard strong support from our members for the development of renewable energy resources. Generating power from flowing streams has a long history in Hawai'i. It is the lowest-cost producer of power among the renewables available to us. Such projects will help manage members' cost of energy, increase the amount of energy generated from the island's own resources and reduce KIUC's dependence on imported oil.

We recognize our urgent need to reduce reliance on fossil fuel-based power, and we know it must be balanced with cultural, environmental, diversified agriculture, hunting, fishing and other interests. As a cooperative board dedicated to democratic member control, we recognize the responsibility of maintaining that balance.

If our membership approves our position, any potential hydro development will be guided by people within our community, with respect for and sensitivity to our shared values and interests.

We will be sending ballots to our members shortly. We ask you to show your support of our commitment to renewables and hydroelectric power. Your YES vote is a vote of support for our utility's current efforts to develop hydropower, described above.

Please vote, and when you do, please vote YES.

Sincerely,

*The KIUC Board of Directors:*

*Teofilo "Phil" Tacbian, Chair  
Steve M. Rapozo, Vice Chair  
David Iha, Secretary  
Allan Smith, Treasurer*

*Carol Bain  
Stu Burley  
Ben Sullivan  
Jan TenBruggencate  
Peter Yukimura*

## Your Yes Vote Means

- You support your elected Board's leadership and their continuing support of KIUC's association with Free Flow Power (FFP).
- You believe KIUC should continue its careful, inclusive process of exploring new hydropower for Kaua'i.
- You believe that after 80 years of failed attempts, your utility should not delay further in creating a responsible hydropower legacy for your children and grandchildren.

## Your No Vote Means

- You do not support your elected Board's decision to use FFP.
- The contracts with FFP will be terminated, and all preliminary permits will revert back to FFP. This will make progress on hydro in the near term very difficult and more expensive, and more than \$325,000 in contractual obligations will be due to FFP.
- A likely end to member-owned hydro development on Kaua'i.

# The deadline to vote is July 8, 2011 at NOON.

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noon deadline will NOT be counted.

Please call 246.4378  
with any questions concerning  
the marking or returning of your ballot.