

KIUC Prepares for Possible Storm Impacts; Urges Members to Prepare

Līhu'e, Kaua'i, HI – 07/30/2019 - Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) is closely tracking the movements of Hurricanes Erick and Flossie, and has activated its emergency preparedness plan.

“Although we are not in a storm watch or warning at this time, our staff is ready to respond should conditions change, and in the event that we experience weather impacts from these storms,” stated KIUC’s President and Chief Executive Officer, David Bissell.

KIUC members can prepare themselves for the impacts of storms and possible power outages as follows:

- Protect your appliances and sensitive equipment from power outages and surges that may occur because of bad weather by using surge protectors
- During a storm turn off and unplug all unnecessary appliances or equipment
- Keep a portable battery-powered radio and flashlights on hand with extra batteries
- In case of loss of power, when the power comes back on and is steady, gradually plug in your appliances

In the event of high winds, objects can come into contact with overhead lines and electrical equipment causing power interruptions. Sometimes during high winds power lines are knocked down. If you see any lines from utility poles on the ground stay at least 30 feet clear, assume that they are dangerous and call 911.

Storm preparedness tips can be found on KIUC’s website: www.kiuc.coop under the “community” tab. General emergency preparedness information can be found on the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency’s website: www.kauai.gov/KEMA.

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