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### **Hawaiian Electric generation stabilized on O‘ahu** *Thanks customers for their conservation efforts*

**HONOLULU, Aug. 1, 2024** – Hawaiian Electric crews have ramped up additional generation resources and does not anticipate the need for rolling outages today but continues to monitor generation capacity and any changes in customer demand.

The additional generation at Kahe Power Plant compensates for the generation shortfall after yesterday’s unexpected loss of power from Kalaeloa Partners, the largest independently-owned power plant on the island.

"We thank our customers for their patience and support during period of tight generation margins," said Darren Pai, Hawaiian Electric spokesperson. "We’re still monitoring the generation situation, but everyone’s conservation efforts made a significant difference last night."

Customer conservation, energy storage and energy efficiency programs combined to reduce demand by 40 megawatts last night. This included efforts by large commercial customers, like the Board of Water Supply, that helped reduce the demand for power last night. Hawaiian Electric’s Battery Bonus program provided additional energy from customer-sited batteries.

System operators also reduced the demand for power by activating Hawaiian Electric’s demand response programs. These voluntary programs help lower the overall use of electricity by reducing the energy output of certain appliances or equipment, such as water heaters and air conditioners, for participating residential customers and non-essential lighting and heating or cooling systems for participating commercial customers.

At around 1 a.m. on July 31, the 208-megawatt plant operated by Kalaeloa Partners suddenly went offline with the rupture of an underground pipe that is necessary for operations.

Kalaeloa Partners continues to work on repairs. Hawaiian Electric is closely monitoring generation capacity and working to bring on more generating resources at Kahe and Waiiau Power Plant and the Schofield Generating Station. Hawaiian Electric will provide updates on any changes through additional news releases and on its social media channels.

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