

AES Hawaii Inc. Plans Test Burn of Big Island Eucalyptus for Renewable Energy

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trees to reach full maturity when they can be ready for harvest. Sunbear has an eight-year lease agreement with Kamehameha Schools that would enable it to harvest at least 50,000 tons per year to produce 5MWs of renewable energy. AES Hawaii is currently in negotiations to sell the biomass energy to Hawaiian Electric Company. The purchase of the biomass energy will require approval by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission.

AES Hawaii Inc. currently provides approximately 20 percent of Oahu's energy needs, and operates the single largest generator connected to the Oahu grid at its co-generation plant in Kapolei. Its primary fuel is clean bituminous coal, generating electricity which is sold to Hawaiian Electric Company at an energy cost that is nearly one-fourth the cost of energy generated from foreign oil. Pricing of the biomass is also expected to compete with the cost of foreign oil. AES Hawaii Inc. hopes to begin commercial production of the 5MWs of biomass energy by the end of the year.

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