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### **IBEW 1357 Membership Ratifies Contract with Hawaiian Telcom**

**HONOLULU** – Hawaiian Telcom, the state’s leading communications provider, announced today that members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 1357, have ratified a new collective bargaining agreement with Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. The contract was ratified on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, by an overwhelming 99% of “yes” votes.

“We are very pleased that the new contract, which offers an attractive overall package, was ratified by 99% of our unionized employees who voted,” said President & CEO Eric Yeaman. “With this agreement in place, we can focus our resources on meeting the ever-changing communications needs of our customers.”

The three-year contract, which expires on September 12, 2011, maintains the level of benefits for current employees and includes a 5% wage increase over three years. Upon reaching a tentative agreement on September 13<sup>th</sup>, the IBEW 1357’s Negotiating Team recommended a vote in favor of ratification.

The new contract covers about 900 employees, principally technicians and service representatives at Hawaiian Telcom, Inc.

#### **About Hawaiian Telcom**

*Hawaiian Telcom is the state’s leading communications provider, offering a wide spectrum of communications products and services, which include local and long distance service, high-speed Internet, managed services, and wireless services.*

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