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The stability and affordability of power from the new Ta'u microgrid, operated by American Samoa Power Authority, provides energy independence for the nearly 600 residents of Ta'u. The battery system also allows the island to use stored solar energy at night, meaning renewable energy is available for use around the clock.

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