

Engineering Department Sees Changes

Project Engineer Hired

Bob Zacharski was hired to fill the position of Project Engineer to work in the busy KPUD engineering department with several projects on the horizon.

Bob came to us from Homer, Alaska, where he worked in the electric utility industry. He grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

He worked nine years for Wisconsin Electric and then left to spend a year skiing and camping in Colorado.

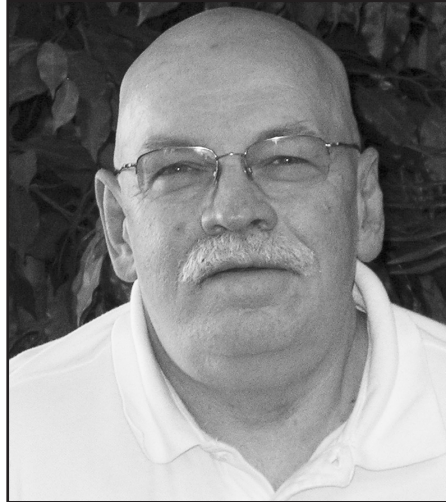
Rockwell International was Bob's next employer, where he helped develop small wind turbines under a department of ecology program.

"The strange thing was, I needed a top security clearance to get into my office, that was in a nuclear weapons facility," Bob recalls.

When an offer to work in Barbados came along, Bob says he "bid Denver ado." While in Barbados, he worked for the Caribbean Development Bank developing alternative energy projects throughout the Caribbean.

Cape Cod was Bob's next adventure, where he spent seven years installing photovoltaic systems, which are solar systems that convert sunlight directly into electricity. He installed the systems mainly in Africa and South America under a federal program. He then decided to get back into the utility industry, working in Burlington, Vermont; Manassas, Virginia; Escanaba, Michigan; and Homer, Alaska.

Bob's main pastimes are hunting and fishing. His daughter and son both attend George Mason University in Northern Virginia. Paula will be a senior, and Pete a sopho-



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more. Bob's wife, Kathy, is still in Alaska fishing.

"She predicts she'll be ready to make the trip down the Alcan soon after the salmon runs taper off, at the beginning of September," Bob says.

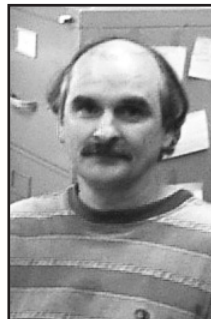
Klickitat PUD invites you to stop by the Engineering Department in Goldendale and welcome Bob to the community.

Position Moves

On August 1, Mike Blumenstein was promoted to the position of Assistant Engineer.

Mike was hired in June 1985 as a staking engineer in Goldendale. In 1988 he transferred to the White Salmon office in the same position.

He will continue working out of KPUD's White Salmon office.



Mike Blumenstein



Miquette Ihrig

Miquette Ihrig was awarded the position of Staking Engineer for KPUD's White Salmon Office.

Miquette was hired in 1999 and has served in several jobs, most recently as the Energy Services Specialist in the Power Management Department.

If you have used any of KPUD's rebate or energy saving programs, you have probably met Miquette.

As Miquette settles into her new position, she eventually plans to move to the west end of the county.

Miquette will receive a degree in business administration soon, after taking evening classes at Columbia Gorge Community College. ■

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