

KPUD Employees Assume New Roles



Tim Garrigus **Line superintendent**

On June 3, Tim Garrigus stepped into the large shoes left behind by Line Superintendent Bob Fitzsimmons.

Tim has worked for Klickitat PUD since August 2001. He spent nine years as a journeyman lineman on the Goldendale crew and three years as the Goldendale serviceman.

Tim and his wife, Laurie, moved to Goldendale from North Bend, where Tim worked for the Tanner Electric Co-op as an apprentice and a journeyman for six years. They have three children: Melissa, Justin and Kailey. When Tim isn't working or spending time with his family, he can be found scouting and elk hunting in his favorite national forest, the Gifford Pinchot.

Tim was chosen for the position of

line superintendent because of his proven work skills, utility knowledge, teamwork mentality and positive attitude. In his new role, he is responsible for providing supervision of the line crews that maintain and build the electrical system, as well as supervision of the daily functions of frontline operations personnel, including the tree crew, servicemen and mechanic.

Tim also assists Operations Manager Jeff Thayer with coordinating the activities of the Goldendale and White Salmon operations.

"Tim has always been a great employee and is already excelling in his new role," says Jeff. "He is always honest and straightforward and you can count on him to get the job done."

Please help us congratulate him on his new endeavor. Good luck, Tim! ■



Brandon Walter **Water wastewater crew leader**

In June, Brandon Walter assumed his new role as the water wastewater crew leader. He has worked for Klickitat PUD since September 2007.

KPUD owns or operates 10 water and six wastewater systems throughout the county, including the Glenwood, Roosevelt, Lyle, Klickitat and Wishram locations. Brandon is responsible for providing key operating and maintenance services to these systems in his new role.

Some of his other responsibilities are overseeing water and wastewater projects, making sure materials are obtained and schedules are met, and overseeing daily scheduling of all operators to ensure system requirements are met. He also works closely with the Washington State

Department of Ecology, Department of Health and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to ensure customers receive the highest quality of water and wastewater service, and that Klickitat PUD stays in compliance with all state and federal laws.

Brandon was previously employed at the city of Goldendale's public works department and the city of Bingen.

In his free time, Brandon enjoys fishing, hunting and coaching youth sports. He has participated in the city of Goldendale's Police Reserves for the past 12 years. Brandon and his wife, Amanda, have two children: son, BJ and daughter, Makayla.

Brandon is a great asset to the water wastewater team. Please join us in congratulating him on his new role. ■