

## Bill Hamm Retires After 23-Year Career

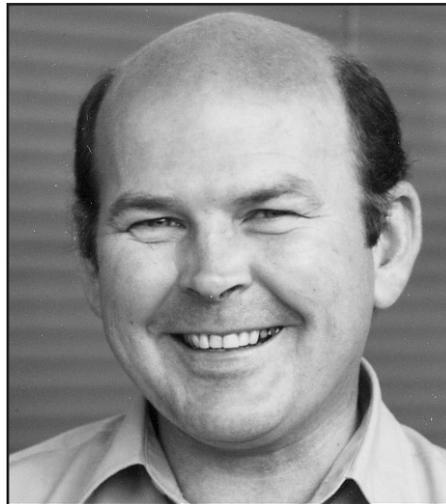
After 23 years of service with Klickitat PUD, Bill Hamm's last day was July 31.

Bill's retirement will affect all of us, especially the customers and staff at White Salmon who worked closely with him.

"Bill has been very nice to work with," says White Salmon Customer Service Representative Wanita Gordon. "His high level of customer service will be hard to replace."

Bill started his PUD career in June 1983, when he worked in the accounting department. He transferred to the engineering department as a staking engineer, working under his mentor, Keith Silen.

In 1985, Bill became the engineering assistant for KPUD's



White Salmon branch office.

During Bill's career, he estimates he wrote more than 5,000 work orders and designed at least 1,500

miles of new power lines.

"We are all going to miss Bill, and want to thank him for his many years of professional service," says Mike Blumenstein, White Salmon staking engineer. "It has been a pleasure working with him for so many years."

White Salmon Branch Manager Ron Schultz agrees.

"Since I've been working in White Salmon, I have come to rely on Bill not only for his expertise, but his general knowledge of our customer base and our system," says Ron. "I am honored that I was able to work with Bill. He's a true professional."

KPUD wishes Bill the best. Thank you for all you have done for us. Happy retirement, Bill! ■

## KPUD Welcomes New Bookkeeper

Randee (Schuster) Slater joined Klickitat PUD's team on June 29, filling the position of bookkeeper in the accounting department.

Her new responsibilities include



accounts payable/receivable, payroll, reconciliation of cash receipts and assisting with the annual budget.

Randee is an alumna of South Dakota State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in ag business. She is working on her master's in business administration through the University of Phoenix's online program, and anticipates completion next year.

For the last eight years, Randee worked in the wireless telecommunications industry for Cingular. She started as a communication specialist, moving quickly into the manager position at the retail location in The Dalles.

Randee and her husband, Cody, are longtime residents of Klickitat County. Their families are in the cattle and horse business. They both enjoy riding horses and roping.

Their most recent joy was the birth of their son in February. ■



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