

## Welcome New Team Member

Klickitat PUD introduces Tim Madsen as part of KPUD's team.

Tim joined the PUD in December 2013 as the landfill gas plant site supervisor. He came to us from the Modesto Irrigation District in California, where his assignment was as a domestic water treatment plant instrumentation and controls technician.

Tim began his career at the irrigation district in 2007 as a gas turbine power plant operator technician, and subsequently moved into instrumentation and controls. Tim has worked as a supervisor, construction project



manager and field service technician.

Tim has worked in a variety of power plants, including GE LM5000/LM6000 aero-derivative combined-cycle, GE Frame 7B simple cycle gas turbines, Wartsilla reciprocating engine and small hydro-electric facilities. All of his power plant experience has been a benefit to the landfill gas plant team and to the PUD as a whole.

Tim consistently has demonstrated his leadership abilities on and off the job, serving his community as a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician and city council member.

Tim and his family have made Goldendale their home, including his wife of 20 years, Carri; son, Jostin, who is serving in the Army Reserve; and daughter, Alyssa.

Please join Klickitat PUD in welcoming Tim and his family to the community and the utility. ■

## Congratulate KPUD's Serviceman

By Lori Froehlich

Martin Taylor has filled the open position for PUD journeyman serviceman. He is based at the Goldendale warehouse and covers territory from High Prairie and Klickitat all the way east through Bickleton and Alderdale. As a serviceman, Martin's job duties cover an array of tasks that can sometimes bring him to your neighborhood.

Martin can be spotted painting the ground red for underground electrical lines, when you call before you dig. He also is the first one sent out on reported power outages. Often he can fix small outages, such as replacing a fuse in a transformer, without calling in the full line crew. Power connects and disconnects are a daily occurrence. When consumers move in or out of a home, he is the one who turns the meters on and off.



As serviceman, Martin is also part of the collection process with the billing department. This entails disconnecting electricity for nonpayment, which is an unfortunate necessity in some cases. Martin also works in a bucket truck doing inspections and repairs for street lights that flicker or go out. Occasionally, he is called to work with one of the line crews when they are short-handed.

Martin has worked for Klickitat PUD since 1994. He began his career as a meter reader, became a ground man on the crew, went through the lineman apprenticeship program and became a journeyman lineman. He has worked on the White Salmon, construction and Goldendale crews. This kind of on-the-job training and local knowledge make Martin a valuable asset to the utility.

He is also involved in the community, going above and beyond being a regular volunteer with his local 4-H Club livestock program. He has been a great mentor to many 4-H members, including his daughter Tatiana, who was chosen for the PUD's 2007 4-H Power of Youth award.

Look for Martin with his friendly smile in your travels throughout the county, and be sure to help us in congratulating him on his new position. ■