

Friendly New Faces

Klickitat PUD's H.W. Hill Renewable Natural Gas site fills key positions

September 2022 marks the three-year anniversary of the dedication of Klickitat PUD's H.W. Hill Renewable Natural Gas facility. The RNG employees continue to implement new technologies that improve efficiency in the production of high-quality compressed renewable natural gas.

The facility recently hired two new employees: Doug Strathdee and Alex Casimiro.



Doug Strathdee

Doug was hired as a renewable natural gas field tech/maintenance in August.

"I am working at the RNG facility as the gas optimization technician," Doug says. "I ensure our plant has enough gas and the gas is good enough quality to be able to be used."

He also helps the operators by doing maintenance at the plant.

After graduating high school, Doug spent six years in the United States Air Force traveling the world. He says it was an enjoyable time in his life.

Doug has spent most of his adult life working on large mobile equipment. At his last job, he worked as a service

manager for an equipment manufacturer, traveling the West to help dealers and their customers with technical advice and repair knowledge.

"I came to KPUD to try my hand at something entirely different than I had been doing," Doug says. "I like the Eastern Washington area and how rural it is. I grew up in a town smaller than Goldendale, so I feel right at home here."

In his spare time, Doug likes to ski in the winter and ride his motorcycle in the summer.

"I am not much of a hunter, and it seems everyone here is," he says. "However, I do like being outdoors camping, hiking and all that goes with that."

Alex Casimiro

Alex has been an RNG support assistant since April.

"I support the RNG facility staff and operators, mainly by helping with compliance and reporting," she says.

Alex has worked in various departments at the utility since November 2017, including customer service, engineering and accounting. Her knowledge, skill set and experience make her a good fit with the RNG team.

Alex was born and raised in Goldendale. She graduated from Goldendale High School, where she met her husband, Jose.

Before beginning her career with KPUD, Alex worked at The Dalles Dam while working toward an associate degree at Columbia Gorge Community College. She worked in accounts payable/



Alex, left, with her husband, Jose, and their children Evalyn, Emmitt, and Luka Cruz.

payroll with Klickitat County Public Works Department for four years.

Alex lives just outside of Goldendale, where she and Jose are raising their three

kids: Evalyn, Emmitt and Luka Cruz.

"I spend most of my free time with family or coaching my kids' sports teams," Alex says. ■