

## A New Face at KPUD

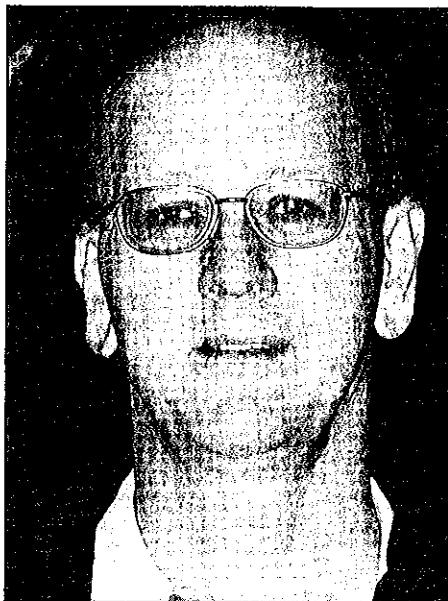
Russ Patton joined the Klickitat PUD (KPUD) staff as project engineer on January 1.

His responsibilities include the technical oversight of major KPUD facility improvement projects for the electrical, water and wastewater systems.

Russ's immediate assignments include the Lyle wastewater treatment facility improvement project, with construction scheduled to start in March, the Klickitat water and wastewater projects beginning the latter part of 2005, Rimrock reservoir studies and transmission line engineering for KPUD's White Creek wind project.

"We are looking forward to working with Russ and utilizing his experience and skills," says Engineering Manager Jim Smith. "We are sure he will make a large contribution to the work we have planned."

Russ worked for 13 years at Golden Northwest Aluminum, as maintenance and engineering manager. He and his wife, Joni, are Washington natives, and have been Klickitat County residents for the

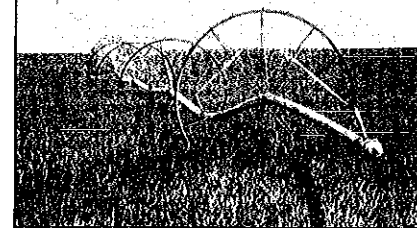


*Russ Patton is KPUD's new project engineer.*

past 13 years. Russ earned his degree in engineering from Washington State University.

He started his career in Pocatello, Idaho, where he spent more than 4 years.

Russ enjoys running, fishing, hiking and camping, and he is proud to serve as a Scoutmaster. ■



## KPUD Sets Annual Irrigators' Meetings

KPUD's annual report will be presented at the Central and Eastern Klickitat Conservation District's annual meetings.

The meeting dates are:

- February 8—Bickleton Grange (Eastern District)
- February 10—Goldendale Grange (Central District)

Klickitat PUD is on the district's agenda at 9:15 a.m. at both of the annual meetings.

## KPUD Commissioners Take New Offices

The Board of Commissioners elected new officers at its January 11, 2005, meeting.

President Randy A. Knowles turned the gavel over to Commissioner Dan G. Gunkel, who was elected to serve as president for a two-year term.

Commissioner Knowles was elected to serve as vice president, and new Commissioner Ray A. Mosbrucker was elected secretary. ■

