

KIUC Announces Retirements, Promotions and Reorganization

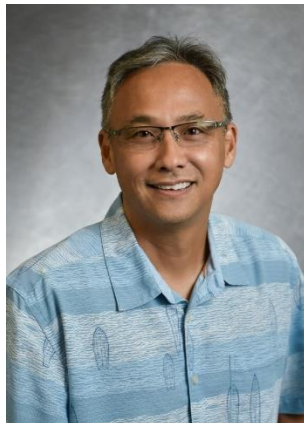
Līhu'e, Kaua'i, HI – 11/08/2019 – Two long-time KIUC managers have announced their retirement. Chief of Operations Mike Yamane began his career with Kaua'i Electric in 1989 as an Associate Engineer. He will retire effective February 2, 2020. Tim Blume, who has worked for company for 26 years and is currently the Regulatory Affairs Manager, will retire effective January 2, 2020.

“Both Mike and Tim have made tremendous contributions to Kaua'i Electric and KIUC over the years,” said KIUC’s President and Chief Executive Officer, David Bissell. “We wish them the best in their well-earned retirement.”

Some reorganization of operational functions will occur as a result of the retirements. Current Power Supply Manager Brad Rockwell will be promoted to Executive Manager – Utility Operations. Carey Koide, who is currently Transmission & Distribution Manager, will be promoted to Executive Manager – Transmission & Distribution, Technology and Safety. In addition, Engineering Manager John Cox will be promoted to Transmission & Distribution Manager, reporting to Koide. Cameron Kruse, who is currently Substation Operations Supervisor, will be promoted to Engineering Manager, reporting to Rockwell.

Brandee Holt, who currently holds the position of Finance Manager, will be promoted to Regulatory Affairs Manager, reporting to Financial Strategy and Regulatory Affairs Manager Rick Eckert. Yamane’s role supporting government affairs will be assumed by Communications Manager Beth Tokioka and John Cox.

“As we focus more and more on the integration of renewables and technology improvements, some reorganization was timely,” stated Bissell. He added: “We’re fortunate to have highly skilled and experienced managers who can move into positions and support an organizational structure that best fits the current operational needs of the cooperative.”



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