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Central Lincoln Names New District Distribution Engineering and Operations Manager

The Central Lincoln People's Utility District has chosen Gary Nieborsky to serve as its new Distribution Engineering and Operations Manager, responsible for nearly half of Central Lincoln's workforce. Nieborsky replaces Matt Boshaw, who left to become general manager with the Central Electric Cooperative in Parker, Pennsylvania. Nieborsky will be based in Florence while supervising employees based in several locations throughout Central Lincoln's 700 square mile territory.

A 31-year veteran of the electric industry, Nieborsky has worked as Engineering and Operations Manager for Kootenai Electric Cooperative in Idaho, as Operations Superintendent for the City of Richland, Chief Engineer of Grant County PUD #2, Utilities and Telecommunications Engineer for Rockwell International, and Area Engineer for Snohomish County PUD, all in Washington. He is a licensed professional engineer, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Washington State University.

Nieborsky and his wife Jane have already moved into a home in Florence, and Nieborsky has begun to assess the strengths of his crews from linemen to tree trimmers, foremen, distribution engineering technicians and supervisors, operations assistants, storekeepers and utility helpers. "I'm listening, learning, and looking throughout Central Lincoln's district, from Lincoln Beach to North Bend," said Nieborsky. "I want to learn why things are the way they are, and look to what I think should be done in the future to continue to offer our customers the best possible and most reliable electric service throughout the Central Coast."

His leadership roles and training include chairing the Northwest Public Power Association's Engineering and Operations Conference, membership in the National Fire Protection Association, and leadership training in the Leadership Coeur d'Alene program and serving on the Coeur d'Alene Executive Roundtable. Nieborsky's volunteer work includes stints as a board member and assistant scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts.

The Central Coast beckoned when Nieborsky grew tired of heavy snows in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. "Jane has always dreamed of living by the ocean, and moving to the beautiful Oregon coast afforded me the opportunity to make her dream come true. Being able to work for a well-run and respected utility makes it all the better!" Nieborsky is an avid freshwater fisherman, an amateur radio operator, and is the proud owner of a '55 Chevy who enjoys classic car shows.

The Central Lincoln People's Utility District is Oregon's fourth-largest electric utility, serving some 700 square miles and more than 80,000 people in portions of Douglas, Coos, Lane, and Lincoln counties. Central Lincoln is not-for-profit, and is publicly-owned; it was created in 1940 by voters to serve the public.

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