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Zarek Marks 25 Years at Loup

COLUMBUS, Neb. — Rod Zarek of Columbus was recently recognized for 25 years of service to Loup Power District.

Zarek joined Loup in 1994 as a Maintenance Man with the District's Columbus Canal Crew. He transferred to Loup's Columbus Retail Division in 1998 as a Groundman. In 2000, he was promoted to Apprentice Lineman. He was promoted to his current position of Plant Operator at the Columbus Powerhouse the following year.



As a Plant Operator, Zarek is a member of the team of six Plant Operators who operate the control room and watch over Loup's hydroelectric system. He controls the three generation units at the Columbus and Monroe powerhouses.

The plant operator also works closely with the Genoa Headworks staff to divert Loup River water into the canal system for power plant generation. Other duties include coordinating generation with NPPD's control center in Doniphan and monitoring Loup's 115 kV and 34.5 kV subtransmission system.

A native of Fullerton, Zarek graduated from Fullerton High School. Zarek and his wife, Marjorie, are the parents of four children — Megan, Alecia, Nick, and Zach.

ABOUT LOUP POWER DISTRICT: For more than 80 years, Loup Power District has provided reliable, low-cost electricity to customers in Boone, Colfax, Nance and Platte Counties and part of Madison County. The District also provides economic development and five parks in these areas. More information about Loup is available at www.loup.com.

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