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BPU Taps Water Division Supervisor to Deputy General Manager - Water Resources Post

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) announces the appointment of Michael V. Saar, P.E., as Deputy General Manager (DGM) - Water Resources. Saar will assume his new role in August upon the retirement of longtime BPU DGM Randall S. Peterson.

The new Deputy General Manager graduated from Jamestown Community College with high honors in 1989. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Clarkson University in Civil and Environmental Engineering, graduating with Great Distinction.

Saar is licensed in New York State in Water Treatment, in Water Distribution and as a Professional Engineer. He also holds a New York State Department of Labor Asbestos Certificate as a Supervisor and Inspector.

Saar began his work at the BPU in 1991 overseeing environmental compliance in the power plant. He assumed engineering responsibilities for the Waste Water System when the City of Jamestown transferred system operations to the BPU. For several years, Saar has overseen the work of the BPU Water Division, including compliance with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Labor and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

In his current position, Saar designs and plans projects for the Water Division. In addition, he has implemented or rehabilitated safety and environmental water programs at the utility. He is the industrial pretreatment coordinator for 17 permitted industries discharging to the sanitary sewer system.

Married with three children, Saar is a local football official in the Southern Tier Chapter of the New York State Association of Certified Football Officials, Inc.

Commenting on his new post, the new Deputy General Manager remarked that, after 19 years of service in various capacities at the BPU, he is looking forward to the challenge of his additional duties.

“As a Chautauqua County native who has worked at the BPU for most of my career, I am happy to assume responsibility for the water, waste water, district heat and sanitation divisions,” said Saar. “Any successes I have enjoyed to date at the BPU are due in part to the dedicated BPU

employees who work with me every day to serve our customers. I hope to bring continued, loyal service to the position of Deputy General Manager.”

BPU General Manager David Leathers congratulated Saar on his new BPU position.

“Mike Saar has earned the respect and cooperation of BPU employees over his years at the utility,” noted Leathers. “After advertising and interviewing regionally, we are pleased to know that we have an internal candidate who exceeded the field knowledge and experience of candidates from outside our community. It is gratifying to recognize that our Water Resources Division management reflects ‘best practices’ in all work areas. Mike is a great addition as Deputy General Manager - Water Resources.”