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Austin Utilities Announces Retirements, Advancements

AUSTIN, Minn. July 31, 2017 - Austin Utilities today announced the retirement of Mike Mentel, Gas & Water Construction Supervisor with 30 years of service effective October 2017. "Thank you to Mike for his long-term career at Austin Utilities. We greatly appreciate his leadership and gas and water construction knowledge to better serve our community. We wish him the best in his retirement," said Mark Nibaur, general manager at Austin Utilities.

Mike began his Austin Utilities career in 1987 as a janitor. In 1990 he moved to a welder position in gas and water construction advancing to a lead in the gas and water construction department. In January 2001 he advanced to supervisor of the department.

The following advancement will take place as a result of the retirement:

- Jeff Majerus, engineering service technician, advanced to the position of gas & water construction supervisor, effective August 2017.

"Congratulations to Jeff on his advancement," Nibaur said. "We look forward to his leadership."

Majerus began his Austin Utilities' career in September 2000 as a light equipment operator. After a series of positions in the construction department Jeff moved to an apprentice engineering position in April 2013 before being awarded the gas and water construction supervisor position.

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Austin Utilities is a municipal utility serving approximately 12,300 electric customers, 10,300 natural gas customers, and 9000 water customers. Their mission is to offer utility products and services in a safe, reliable and responsible manner in order to enhance the quality of life in our community. For more information on Austin Utilities visit their website at www.austinutilities.com.