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NOTE: Photo of George Newman available as a JPG image.

## Railroad names new head of Advanced Train Control Systems

*George Newman promoted to lead PTC-focused department*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) has promoted Director of George Newman to Senior Director to lead the Advanced Train Control Systems (ATCS) department, effective today, July 2. He replaces 22-year railroad veteran Eileen Reilly, who retired on July 1.

ATCS is focused on developing and implementing a fail-safe positive train control (PTC) system to prevent human errors that may cause catastrophic accidents. Congress mandated PTC for the nation's largest railroads and for railroads that carry passengers (see the PTC fact sheet online – <http://bit.ly/PTCFactSheet> ).

Newman joined the Alaska Railroad in November 2016 as the director of ATCS. He came to ARRC by way of the Canadian Pacific (CP) Railroad, where he served as director of PTC for seven years (2009-2016). Prior to the PTC post, Newman held several management positions within the CP Information Technology department, including manager of telecommunications, manager of information services development, and director of strategy and planning. Newman's background also includes managing network infrastructure projects for IBM.



Newman earned an electrical engineering degree and a master of business administration degree from the University of Calgary. He is a certified project management professional (PMP) and professional engineer.

The ATCS department falls under railroad train Operations, and Newman reports to Chief Operating Officer Clark Hopp. "George is a long-time railroader with extensive experience in PTC and related areas," said Hopp. "I have full confidence that he will continue to build on Eileen's considerable contributions to the Alaska Railroad's technology and train control."

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