

LINEWORKER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is electrical work consisting of the erection, installation and maintenance of all overhead and underground electrical power distribution lines. The position requires climbing of poles in all kinds of weather conditions and the rigid observance of safety precautions to prevent injury to oneself, co-workers and by-standers. The position is subject to call-in for emergency work. Broad instructions are received from the Line Supervisor and Assistant Line Supervisor and work is seldom reviewed in process, but always checked on completion. May oversee the work of several helpers and laborers. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Strings electric power lines on poles and through underground conduits;
Installs crossarms and erects transformers on power lines;
Repairs electric distribution lines damaged by storms;
Trims and prunes trees in the path of distribution cables;
Installs and maintains street lighting fixtures;
Runs service lines from transformers on poles to consumer's buildings;
Installs cut outs, fuses, arresters and insulators;
Reads, removes and sets meters.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the theory and principles of electricity, electrical distribution systems, insulation and transformer hook-ups;
Thorough knowledge of standard safety measures, devices and precautions in the handling of high voltage electrical circuits up to 15 kV;
Skill in the use of tools and equipment of the trade;
Ability to follow oral and written instructions;
Ability to climb poles and towers;
Ability to perform arduous manual labor;
Ability to withstand adverse weather conditions;
Ability to observe safety precautions to prevent personal injuries;
Ability to safely drive and operate trucks, vehicles or other equipment necessary;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Completion of a Lineworker's Apprentice Training Program.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT: Possession of the appropriate level Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

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