



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Lineman

DEFINITION:

Works as a member of a crew to install, repair, maintain and remove electrical line equipment of the District's transmission and distribution systems, energized or de-energized, located both underground and overhead in accordance with safety and construction standards and regulations. This position reports to and is under the direction of a Line Foreman, Construction Superintendent or Manager, Distribution Services.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The Lineman classification is distinguished from the Apprentice Lineman classification by the increased technical knowledge and skill required to perform the work. The Lineman has successfully completed a certified Apprentice Lineman program or equivalent.

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Installs and maintains the District's transmission and distribution systems both underground and overhead.
2. Loads, unloads, frames, erects and removes poles.
3. Installs, dismantles, inspects and tests wire and equipment (cutouts, switches, transformers, etc.) utilized in the installation and maintenance of transmission and distribution systems both underground and overhead.
4. Operates necessary equipment and tools used in the installation and maintenance of transmission and distribution systems (manlift, digger/derrick, chain saw, air compressor, backhoe, etc).
5. Reads and interprets work sketches and plans.
6. Follows applicable safety rules contained in the District's Accident Prevention Manual and WAC 296-24, 296-45, 296-54, 296-62, and 296-155.
7. Completes time slips and necessary reports affecting job assignments. Keeps diary of daily activities for future reference regarding damage claims, etc.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Trims trees as necessary to eliminate the possibility of contact with energized lines.
2. Ensures proper use and care of equipment assigned.
3. Completes work in a safe and efficient manner.
4. Protects against damage to public and private property during line construction and maintenance, whenever possible.
5. Upgrades to Line Foreman or Outside Service Lineman.
6. Performs other associated duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

- Construction and maintenance practices/methods related to line work.
- Tools, materials and equipment of the trade.
- Current overhead and underground practices.
- CPR and First Aid methods, Pole Top and Vault Rescue.
- WAC Electrical Safety Rules: WAC 296-24, 296-45, 296-54, 296-62, and 296-155.
- Mathematics to make basic calculations.

Ability to:

- Use hand and power tools and equipment used in electrical facility installation and repair.
- Climb poles using conventional climbing gear.
- Interact with customers, government officials, and District employees.
- Identify, analyze and resolve problems.
- Read and understand work sketches and blueprints.
- Apply First Aid and CPR methods as needed.
- Learn and apply the District's Safety Rules, policies, procedures and directives.
- Apply WAC Electrical Safety Rules: WAC 296-24, 296-45, 296-54, 296-62, and 296-155.
- Learn and apply Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Learn and apply District Construction and Maintenance Standard Practices and Electrical Service Requirements.
- Learn to use various forms, reports, time slips and how to complete them.

Education/Experience:

- Completion of certified Apprentice Lineman Program or a combination of education and/or training and/or experience that provides an equivalent background required to perform the work of the classification.
- High School diploma or equivalent.

License or Certification:

- Journeyman Lineman's card or ability to obtain IBEW Journeyman Lineman's card within 30 days of hire.
- Successful completion of Journeyman Lineman testing process (external candidates).
- Valid current Washington State Commercial Driver's License (Class A).¹
- Obtain a valid CPR certificate within 3 months from job start date.
- Obtain a valid First Aid certificate within 3 months from job start date.

¹ Note: CDL is not required for the testing process, but is required on the first day of employment.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Work is performed in an outdoor environment in varying weather conditions.
- Employees risk physical hazard from energized equipment and circuits.
- Must be able to climb poles and work at heights in excess of 100 feet.
- Must be able to lift and carry heavy equipment and materials in excess of 65 lbs.
- Must be able to perform rescue operations, including Pole Top and Vault Rescue.
- Must be able to work long hours as storm conditions dictate.
- Subject to 24-hour call-out for emergency conditions.