

MAJOR FUNCTION

This is semi-skilled work as part of an apprentice training program designed to provide the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to advance to the Lineworker-Journey Level. Training includes technical class study and physical work in the field. Incumbent must make satisfactory progress and pass various apprenticeship tests. As the training and work experience develops to more complex and hazardous tasks and demands. Work is performed in accordance with established policies and procedures and under the supervision and direction of the Foreman and Lineworker-Journey Level who provide instruction in methods and assure that proper safety precautions are observed.

ESSENTIAL AND OTHER IMPORTANT JOB DUTIES**Essential Duties**

Performs general duties such as climbing poles, splicing wire, installing poles, insulators, and electric lines; using various testing devices and metering devices; and assisting the lineworker in various installations and repairs. The first year of this training will be performing groundman duties involving a variety of tasks in the construction, maintenance and repair of electrical distribution and transmission lines. The second year of this training will be working secondaries and other general work that does not involve primary conductors that are energized and assisting a Lineworker - Journey Level in any manner that would not be considered hazardous, but never working on a pole alone. The third year of the apprentice program will consist of working with journey level lineworkers on deadlines, secondaries, assisting in re-fusing transformers, line fuses, reclosing oil switches, checking regulators, but always working with a qualified lineworker in all phases outlined above. The fourth year of this program will consist of working energized primary with the direction of a Lineworker - Journey Level and Foreman in charge. The fifth year will consist of working with other linemen in the Electric Division in the construction of new lines and the maintenance of the system. At the completion of the fifth year, the employee must perform all phases of primary, secondary, and any other type of duties pertaining to line work. The employee must pass a Lineworker - Journey Level test. Must attend developmental safety and training opportunities as directed by supervisor. Uses and cares for tools and equipment common to line work. Drives various specialized vehicles required to perform assigned tasks. Performs related work as required.

Other Important Duties

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**Knowledge, Abilities and Skills**

Progressively increasing knowledge of methods and technology essential to lineman work. Knowledge of the electric distribution system of the City in regard to location of substations and districts. Ability to develop the skills of a Lineworker-Journey Level in all phases required for certification. Ability to learn through personal study the theory and application of electric principles and practices as they relate to line work. Ability to follow oral and written instructions, read blueprints and sketches, maintain cooperative relations with other employees, and employ obedience and good judgment in complying with instructions and safety measures as directed by superiors. Ability to perform heavy manual tasks under adverse weather conditions.

Minimum Training and Experience

Possession of a high school diploma or an equivalent recognized certificate; or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

Necessary Special Requirement

Individuals in this classification are considered essential during emergency and storm situations and must be able to work 16 hours per day for extended periods of time and may be required to be away from their family.

Individuals in this classification must be available to serve on-call and are subject to having to work outside of their assigned shift/schedule to meet operational needs.

Individuals in this classification are subject to being deployed for mutual aid assignments out of town. These mutual aid assignments will require travel, extended work days and working 16 hours per day during deployment.

Applicants for this classification must be able to pass the City of Tallahassee-Electric & Gas Utility pre-employment screening and assessment program.

Individuals in this classification are in an apprentice program that is an “up or out” program. As such, they must show continued advancement through the program or will be subject to termination.

Employees in this classification are required to have and to maintain a valid CDL driver’s license in order to have continued employment. This includes a requirement that the employee register with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.

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