

LINEMAN FOREMAN

PURPOSE AND NATURE OF WORK

Position is responsible for supervising and participating in the work of a crew performing assignments in installation, maintenance, and repair of overhead and underground power lines and related components of the electrical transmission and distribution system. Position is also responsible for obtaining necessary materials, training and instructing a crew, inspecting work in progress, and ensuring that safe practices are followed on the job. Position is subject to 24-hour call and work is sometimes hazardous. The objective is the safe and efficient completion of assignments through the direct supervision of a crew. Incumbent receives assignments and general supervision from a technical superior and supervises a crew of linemen.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK (Note: These examples are intended only to illustrate the various types of work performed by incumbents in this class. All of the duties performed by any one incumbent may not be listed, nor does any incumbent necessarily perform all of these duties.)

Plans and lays out jobs and assigns tasks to members of the crew for construction, maintenance and restoration of Electric Distribution and Transmission System. Supervises and participates in the work of a crew installing, maintaining and repairing overhead and underground power lines and related components of the electrical transmission and distribution system. Trains and evaluates apprentice linemen. Oversees the methods used by linemen to maintain safety procedures. Ensures the use of protective devices and equipment where indicated. Directs the installation of services and meters on customer premises. Directs the setting of poles, anchors and guys. May supervise some substation work such as installing switches and changing wires. Conducts tests on cables, lines and other related components. Ensures that equipment is properly maintained and advises supervisor of equipment malfunctions. Reviews jobs with engineering personnel during and after construction. Ensures that all required information and changes are recorded in the work management program and GIS system. Records all of the crew's daily functions, such as construction, maintenance and restoration of the Electrical Distribution and Transmission System through the use of a laptop computer.

Performs related work as required.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of the municipal electrical transmission and distribution system.

Considerable knowledge of the standard methods, materials, tools, and equipment used in the construction, maintenance, and restoration of an electrical transmission and distribution system.

Considerable knowledge of the hazards and necessary safety precautions required in line work.

Ability to supervise the work of subordinate crew members.

Ability to climb utility poles and work at varying heights, and to perform electrical work in tight spaces underground.

Ability to coordinate and direct the construction of overhead and underground high voltage lines.

Ability to use related computer hardware and software, including a work management program and GIS system.

Ability to prepare standard work reports and maintain related records.

Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with superiors and other employees.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from high school supplemented by formal training courses in industrial electricity and related equipment, and considerable experience in electrical transmission and distribution system construction and maintenance, including supervisory experience, or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of the appropriate class driver's license, as required by the State of Louisiana.