

## **APPRENTICE LINEWORKER**

### **NATURE OF WORK**

This is semi-skilled work in helping linemen engaged in the installation, maintenance, and repair of transmission and distribution lines in the municipal electricity distribution system.

Positions of this class are responsible for performing unskilled to semi-skilled tasks in serving as an apprentice Lineworker. Assignments are varied and provide broad experience and practical training leading to the development of lineman skills. Employees receive instructions and close supervision from technical superiors in the performance of individual tasks and in the observance of adequate safety precautions. With experience, work is done with greater independence in routine or less hazardous tasks, but it is subject to close supervision when in the proximity of electrical wires. Work is performed outdoor in a variety of weather conditions. Worker performance is evaluated in progress or upon completion for the quality of work performed and safety precautions taken.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK** {Employees of this classification must be able to perform the following. Physical and mental tasks related to these functions will be required. The following examples do not contain every task that could be reasonable assigned. The absence of a specific task here does not imply the task cannot be assigned if related to the nature of work, a logical assignment, or a business necessity.}

Assists a line worker on the ground or in an aerial bucket to learn the installation, repair, and maintenance techniques of the electrical distribution trade; observes safety rules and regulations.

Repairs or replaces light heads; replaces bulbs and controls; replaces light fixtures.

Assists in the installation of light poles by operating power auger or using pick and shovel.

Repairs or replaces fallen lines, transformers, and breakers under the guidance of an experienced line worker.

Trims tree limbs obstructing lines.

Performs related work as assigned. A description of essential and non-essential functions of position of this class is contained in JFD2605-A (job function description).

### **NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS**

Some knowledge of the hazards and necessary safety precautions related to electrical energy.

Ability to follow and execute oral and written instructions.

Ability to learn the work of electricity distribution installation, maintenance and repair operations.

Ability to climb ladders and poles and to work safely at heights and in confined areas.

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

Physical and cognitive skills to perform the essential and non-essential functions of the job as contained in JFD2605-A.

Possession of a Louisiana driver's license as required by the Department of Public Safety, prior to appointment.

### **TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

One year of experience performing general labor of maintenance tasks, or substituting any combination of course work or training which demonstrates the ability to learn the trade.

### **NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

Within the first year of employment as a probational or permanent status employee, the incumbent obtain and thereafter, maintain the appropriate class commercial driver's license as required by the State of Louisiana to operate equipment with the assigned department.