

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive; Non-Competitive for Villages
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LINE WORKER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is skilled and semi-skilled work involving responsibility for erecting, installing, maintaining, and repairing overhead and underground electric power distribution lines. The work requires climbing on poles in all kinds of weather and requires the rigid observance of safety precautions to prevent injury to self, helper, and/or bystanders. When not working on power lines an employee in this class may be required to assist in water and other public works activities. The work is performed under general supervision of a Line Supervisor or other superior with leeway allowed for independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Supervision may be exercised over trainees, helpers, and laborers. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Sets and guys poles for electric power transmission lines;
Strings electric power lines on poles and runs them through conduits;
Installs service drops, transformers, crossarms, and other equipment;
Trims and fells trees in rights-of-way;
Repairs damage done to transmission lines by storms;
Repairs and replaces street lights;
Maintains Fire Alarm System;
Performs assigned duties at power sub-stations;
Assists in the installation, maintenance, extension, and repair of water mains and services;
Assists in the operation of the water treatment plant;
Reads and repairs water and electric meters;
Operates automotive and power equipment in connection with work;
Performs a variety of general maintenance and public work duties as assigned;
Answers emergency trouble calls.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the methods, techniques, procedures, and practices required in the maintenance, operation, and construction of electric utility system components;
Good knowledge of the proper and safe use of the tools and equipment used in the maintenance, operation, and construction of electric utility system;
Ability to perform difficult and hazardous assignments under arduous manual labor;
Ability to work well with others;
Ability to follow oral and written instructions;
Ability to file legible and coherent reports, form sheets, time sheets, work orders, etc;
Ability to read and interpret electrical drawings, operating and maintenance instructions and system switching procedures;
Ability to instruct and train subordinates.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and four (4) years of experience as a Line Helper in a power distribution system or possession of a certification as a journey Lineman.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR VILLAGES: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and two (2) years of experience as a Line Helper in a power distribution system.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Eligibility for an appropriate level New York State Driver's License at the time of application. Possession of license at time of appointment.