



PO Box 449
 Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow), Alaska 99723

Job Description

JOB TITLE:	Journeyman Lineman
GRADE:	N/A
DIVISION:	Electric Distribution
REPORTS TO:	Journeyman Foreman and Electric Distribution Superintendent
SUPERVISES:	None
FLSA STATUS:	Non-exempt
UNION STATUS:	Union
DOT SAFETY-SENSITIVE:	Yes
DATE APPROVED:	April 26, 2021
STATUS:	Permanent, full-time
SCHEDULE:	Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (40 hours/week)

Pay Range: Per the Line Division Collective Bargaining Agreement

OBJECTIVES

1. Provides prompt, efficient, reliable, and courteous service in the construction and maintenance of the overhead and underground electric distribution system.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (include but are not limited to the following)

A. Operations

1. Construct and maintain overhead and underground distribution lines and related equipment, doing all ordinary line work without special supervision.
2. Perform work on energized lines as necessary within normal safety guidelines for such work and ensure such guidelines are followed by assigned coworkers.
3. Make all types of single and polyphase transformer connections.
4. Install and move, or remove transformers, secondaries, service drops, poles, conductors, or any other line equipment assigned.
5. Install and remove instrument transformers and recording or indicating meters of all types. Make load and voltage tests when assigned.
6. Must be able to interpret line maps, staking sheets, and Rural Utilities Service (RUS) construction drawings, and adhere to applicable codes and specifications.
7. Maintain working knowledge of up-to-date techniques of first aid, pole top rescue, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
8. Train and provide guidance to assigned apprentices and/or groundmen.
9. Adhere to all company policies, procedures, safety rules, and regulations.
10. Operate automotive and construction equipment when assigned. Comply with all traffic laws, safety rules, regulations, and safe practices while operating any cooperative equipment.

11. See that trucks, tools, and working equipment assigned to him/her are properly used and kept in good working condition, and that any repairs that may be required are promptly reported to the job foreman or other assigned personnel.
12. Assist in the testing, disposal, and record keeping for all electrical equipment; including, but not limited to transformers, OCRs, meters, regulators, capacitors, etc.
13. Conduct routine and regular inspection of distribution lines. All deficiencies will be recorded in writing and turned in to Electric Distribution Superintendent. If a safety hazard exists, correction is to be made immediately.
 - a. A written record is to be maintained of any and all line inspections, and a copy given to the Superintendent.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Must reside within BUECI's service territory. Must recognize the responsibility of the Cooperative to its members to provide continuity of service, which will require working both scheduled and unscheduled overtime. This position is responsible for carrying out all activities following safety rules and guidelines as established by the National Electrical Safety Code. The Lineman is also responsible for ensuring assigned personnel follow appropriate safety rules in performing all assigned duties.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A high school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Must have completed an approved apprentice program for electrical lineman, have at least four (4) years practical experience, and have passed the IBEW, or other equal examination required for this classification.

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

- Must possess a current, or be able to obtain, Journeyman Lineman State Fitness Card issued by the Alaska Department of Labor.
- Must possess or be able to qualify for and obtain, a Class A Commercial Driver's License issued by the State of Alaska.
- Must be able to perform CPR and pole top rescue.

ABILITIES AND SKILLS

The Journeyman Lineman must carry out the following:

- Evaluate and interpret wiring, schematic and control diagrams.
- Understand and successfully follow verbal and written instructions.
- Assess and address multiple complex technical problems simultaneously.
- Exercise independent judgment to make timely decisions.
- Perform well under stress and/or in emergencies.
- Work independently to accomplish assigned goals with little or no supervision.
- Interact appropriately and communicate effectively with a variety of individuals, including coworkers, vendors, consultants, and other utility employees, often in adverse circumstances.
- Operates vehicles daily. Must have the ability to react to adverse driving conditions in both summer and winter, and be competent in operating the following: digger/derrick, snowmachine/ATV, heavy equipment/bucket truck, track vehicle, etc.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND DEMANDS

- A. The Cooperative is located in Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow), Alaska. Barrow is an isolated, remote town, inaccessible by road, and subject to extreme climate conditions. Air travel is the primary means of transportation to and from Barrow, and occasionally such transportation is unavailable due to weather. Barrow is north of the Arctic Circle and contains primarily gravel and tundra terrain which may be difficult to navigate, especially in winter. Due to the remote location and extreme weather, candidates must be prepared for global change of living and working conditions in this location. Significant physical and emotional stamina is necessary.
- B. A majority of the work is outside, performing construction, repairs, maintenance, meter reading, and inspection of the Cooperative's electric distribution system and equipment. Work is in an environment subject to extreme cold, heat, extreme noise, vibration, and electro-magnetic fields. Hazards such as mechanical parts, electrical current, high voltage, working in high places, ditches, open water and exposure to chemicals, fumes, odors, dusts, or poor ventilation may be present.
- C. Specifically, this job may require the incumbent to:
1. Ascend and descend poles, ladders, stairs, scaffolding and ramps.
 2. Position self to accomplish tasks in various environments which may include tight and confined spaces.
 3. Remain in a stationary position for prolonged periods to install equipment, to make repairs, or when working at a desk.
 4. Move around within a workspace to accomplish tasks.
 5. Adjust or move objects such as tools, equipment, and/or parts to stack, load, transport, etc. items or material up to 50 pounds in all directions.
 6. Use or operate the following tools and equipment sometimes on a repetitive basis: transformers, lightning arresters, switches and fuses, insulators, crossarms, climbing hooks and ropes, safety belt and fall protection device, insulated rubber gloves with gauntlets, ladders, voltmeters, troubleshooting device, landline telephones, two-way radios, computer terminals and keyboards, mobile smart devices, hot sticks, power and hand tools, and other tools and equipment as may be required.
 7. Drive a BUECI vehicle to and from assigned job sites.

PREFERRED

- Experience with iVue utility software.

NOTE: Complete achievement of certain items of the above specifications may not be required if, in the opinion of the Electric Distribution Superintendent, a particular candidate possesses significant offsetting characteristics, such as past accomplishments, experience, education, or estimate of future potential. Should an applicant be deficient in certain educational achievements, offsetting experience may be substituted or vice versa.

BUECI reserves the right to revise or change job duties and responsibilities. This job description does not constitute a written or implied contract of employment.

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Approved: Timothy W. Russell
General Manager

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