Journey and Apprentice Lineworker

Position Description

1. Objective:

To direct and be responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Cooperative's distribution system; coordinate sound engineering practices and economical procedures; and promote and ensure compliance with all established safety rules and practices. To keep the Line Superintendent and Line Foremen adequately informed about construction programs, operations, maintenance, and related problems so they can make informed decisions.

2. Reports to:

A. Line Superintendent
B. Line Foremen
C. Sub Foreman

3. Responsibilities:

A. Promotes morale and team spirit among coworkers by accepting coaching and performing work to the best of their ability.
B. Understands all Rural Utility Service (RUS) construction specifications and demonstrates quality workmanship.
C. Performs assigned construction work each day and uses equipment in an orderly, safe, and efficient manner.
D. Reports completed work accurately so records reflect time, materials, and accomplishments.
E. Keeps lines and line equipment in serviceable condition to reduce outages and improve the quality of electric service.
F. Inspects and reports on the condition of distribution lines and related equipment, including substations, poles, wires, transformers, and OCRs.
G. Works with personnel and equipment during power outages to restore service promptly.
H. Follows safe work practices and uses tools and equipment properly, in accordance with Cooperative policy and sound judgment.
I. Journey Lineworkers must have successfully completed a formal apprenticeship program and be capable of safely performing all duties of a qualified Journey Lineworker.
J. Journey and Apprentice Lineworkers must be qualified commercial drivers with a valid commercial driver's license (CDL).
K. Accepts and performs other duties assigned by the Line Superintendent and Line Foremen.

4. Relationships

A. Line Superintendent – Reviews major activities and plans, obtains necessary work plan approvals, and offers suggestions and opinions on line construction and maintenance.
B. Line Foremen – Develops communication channels that support information sharing and effective working relationships.
C. Member-Consumer – Fosters good working relationships with members and responds promptly to member requests.

5. Physical Demands and Environmental Conditions

Physical demands required to perform job duties	
Activity	**Frequency - Examples**
Standing	Occasionally stands
Walking	Occasionally walks to patrol lines and read meters
Sitting	Frequently sits while driving to worksites
Lifting/Carrying	Frequently lifts/carries materials weighing up to 150 lbs.
Twisting/Pushing/Pulling	Frequently twists, pushes, and pulls while unloading and installing line hardware
Climbing/Balancing	Occasionally climbs poles
Kneeling/Crawling	Frequently
Talking	Daily shares information with customers and foremen
Hearing	Daily receives work instructions and listens to customers and other NCE employees
Communication	Frequently communicates with NCE employees and customers
Visual Ability	Frequently reviews written materials and completes time sheets and material tickets daily
Bending	Frequently bends to retrieve material
Gripping/Grasping	Frequently grips and grasps while installing conductor
Other Physical Demands	Not applicable

Environmental Conditions	
Examples	
Exposure to outdoor conditions: extreme cold/heat, precipitation	Extreme heat and cold; must work in wet conditions
Low visibility	Must work in low-visibility conditions
Extreme noise	Must work in noisy conditions using the hearing protection provided
Moving parts	Occasionally works with equipment that has moving parts
Electric shock	Works on energized lines

High, exposed places	Must work in a bucket truck and at the top of poles
Radiant energy	Works near energized power lines
Exposure to chemicals	Occasionally
Vehicular traffic	Daily
CRT screens	Seldom uses a computer
Slippery conditions	Occasionally
Other environmental conditions	Not applicable