

MAJOR FUNCTION

This is highly visible and responsible work in scheduling, coordinating, and inspecting electrical power line clearance and vegetation management (mowing, tree trimming and vine removal) activities for the Electric & Gas Utility. Assignments are received in the form of written work orders, drawings, and oral instructions, as well as by field inspections. Work is performed in accordance with policies and directives established by the department. Supervision is received from the Electric Utility Forester.

ESSENTIAL AND OTHER IMPORTANT JOB DUTIES**Essential Duties**

Coordinates, directs, and inspects the work of utility contractor crews in the trimming, felling and removal of trees along public utility right-of-ways and on private property in close proximity to high voltage electrical lines. Studies drawings, specifications and work orders to effectively determine and lay out work for the utility contractor crews. Enforces necessary safety precautions for the crews, the Electric & Gas Utility personnel, and the public. Assists in developing annual priority right-of-way maintenance schedule for entire electric system, which includes developing detailed system tree trimming maps. Informs customers of tree trimming schedules and responds to customers' questions, concerns and complaints. Directs crews during storm restoration efforts and performs journey lineman duties as required. Performs other duties as required.

Other Important Duties

Keeps time and work records and prepares periodic reports. Prepares billing statements for work done on property of primary metered customers. Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**Knowledge, Abilities and Skills**

Thorough knowledge of and familiarity with the key principles and practices of electric power line construction, operation and maintenance, as well as NESC, OSHA and applicable insurance requirements. Knowledge of methods and tools, and the occupational hazards of right-of-way maintenance and line work (clearance, construction and operation). Complete knowledge of the operation of trucks, winches, derricks, aerial bucket units, and other equipment and tools used in this work. Ability to communicate effectively with the general public in securing governmental permits relative to trimming or removal of trees. Ability to control emergency situations during storms or other conditions. Ability to keep records, prepare progress reports, and enforce/interpret contracts for applicable goods and services. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships as necessitated by the work. Ability to lead and direct the work activities of others. Good physical condition. Skill in the use of microcomputers and the programs and applications necessary for successful job performance.

Minimum Training and Experience

Possession of a high school diploma or an equivalent recognized certificate and two years experience as a journey level line worker or six years of experience that includes electric utility tree trimming and right-of way maintenance; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Necessary Special Requirements

Most possess a valid Class E State driver's license at the time of appointment.

Permanent positions only - Must hold certification as Arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture or obtain certification within twelve months of appointment, as a condition of continued employment.

Individuals in this classification are considered essential during emergency and storm situations and must be able to work 16 hours per day for extended periods of time and may be required to be away from their family.

Individuals in this classification must be available to serve on-call and are subject to having to work outside of their assigned shift/schedule to meet operational needs.

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