



# Washington EMC

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## POWERLINE TECHNICIAN

**Classification:**

Non-Exempt Employee

**Job Posting Date**

September 3, 2024

**Reports To:**

Line Foreman

**Last Date to Apply:**

September 13, 2024

**Revision Date:**

August 1, 2022

## JOB DESCRIPTION

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### Position Summary

Constructs, maintains and operates overhead and underground distribution lines and substations and keeps informed on and complies with all safety policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

### Major Responsibilities

- a) Safely performs all the necessary activities in the construction of electric distribution system
- b) Safely performs maintenance of energized and de-energized overhead and underground distribution lines.
- c) Installs various types of metering equipment
- d) Provides for the maintenance and operation of substation facilities, when assigned.
- e) Patrols the line and checks for defective materials, equipment or unsafe conditions and notifies foremen or supervisor of problems areas.
- f) Inspects work after completion to ensure that it has been done in accordance with applicable specifications and codes.
- g) Investigates and remedies service interruptions and assists in evaluating the cause of the interruption to assure prompt restoration of service to customers and continued service reliability.

- h) Performs all the duties of groundman, equipment operator and lineman as required. Sees that trucks, tools and assigned equipment are properly used and kept in good working order.
- i) Assists in the on-the-job training of Apprentice Lineman during their five-year apprenticeship.
- j) Performs switching procedures when deemed necessary or as directed to facilitate operations.
- k) Maintains current knowledge of equipment, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) specifications, OSHA regulations, mapping system, and other operational and regulatory systems related to the responsibilities of the position.
- l) Works safely in all situations in accordance with National Electric Safety Code and all Washington EMC safety rules and regulations.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities.

The **Powerline Technician** shall be required to perform any other duties assigned in order to fulfill the objectives of the Corporation.

### **External Relationships**

*Consumer-Members:* Responds to their inquirers and resolves problems or directs to supervisor or appropriate personnel.

*General Public:* Maintains good relations in all contacts with the general public.

### **Position Specifications**

#### *Basic Qualifications*

**Job Knowledge, Training and Experience:** Must have a high school diploma or GED and successfully completed a certified Line Technician Program. Must be able to learn and apply information from technical manuals in the completion of duties. Must be able to complete reports and other paperwork and should be able to perform mathematical calculations. Must be familiar with the National Electrical Safety Code utilized in the construction and maintenance of underground and overhead distribution and transmission lines. Must know and practice first aid and cardia-pulmonary-resuscitation.

**Equipment Operated:** Must be able to operate assigned equipment including bucket trucks, forklift, backhoe, trencher, winches, drills, chainsaws and high compression tools. Must possess a valid Georgia commercial driver's license.

**Abilities and Skills:** Must be able to perform the activities necessary to complete work assignments described in the position description. Must be able to direct personnel in lesser classifications. Must be able to perform pole top rescue.

**Physical Effort:** Position requires working on poles as tall as 50 feet, whether in a bucket truck or manually climbing. Frequently lifts materials and equipment weighing up to fifty pounds. Occasionally lifts items that weigh up to 100 pounds. Shovels dirt, works around noisy equipment and visually inspects work for safe connections. Occasionally works with energized lines which must be handled according to National Electrical Safety Code specifications to avoid electric shock.

**Working Conditions:** Outside work in all kinds of weather may be required. Irregular hours including nights, weekends and holidays. Overtime is required. This position serves on-call rotation as assigned.

After an offer of employment has been made, a physical examination is required, which will include both alcohol and drug testing and a background check will be performed.