



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Journeylevel Lineworker
NRECA Job Code: 55-6433
Reports To: Line Superintendent
Classification: Non-exempt, Outside Union, hourly, overtime eligible
Updated: 2026

OBJECTIVES

- To provide safe, efficient service in the construction, maintenance and operation of distribution lines and facilities and to do such work on lines that are either energized or de-energized.
- To promote safe working conditions through adherence to all established safety rules and practices.
- To provide excellent service to our members.
- To be familiar with all traffic laws, first aid, safety rules and regulations.
- To gain an increasing knowledge and understanding of the cooperative's objectives and viewpoints, to assist in gaining the acceptance of the cooperative as a member of the business community.

RELATIONSHIPS

- Line Superintendent and Foreman—To confer and collaborate with on matters concerning operations of his crew and keeps informed of progress made in maintenance and construction of electric lines, and obtain necessary approvals, information and guidance.
- Line Personnel – Work together to encourage team effort in order to increase crew effectiveness.
- Members—To provide the best possible service to advise and assist on problems of voltage, construction, operations and maintenance, to take advantage of every opportunity to obtain increasing understanding and acceptance of the rural electric programs and the cooperative's objectives, plans and programs.
- Civic and Community Groups—To participate in the meetings of, to take advantage of every opportunity to gain increased understanding and acceptance of the rural electric programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES

- Constructs and maintains distribution lines and facilities as directed in accordance with established and approved standards and engineering specifications.
- Operates transportation and work equipment in accordance with operating procedures including commercial motor vehicles.
- Performs such hot line jobs as changing transformers, insulators, and reclosers on distribution lines.

- Collects delinquent bills as authorized.
- Sees that all safety rules and regulations are followed by himself and line personnel reporting to him.
- Conducts voltage checks on distribution transformers and consumers premises.
- Sees that transformer, meter and recloser reports are properly completed.
- Returns all completed job orders and reports to the Foreman.
- Attends and participates in safety meetings, educational and training opportunities.
- Patrols and maintains distribution lines.
- Informs Mechanic of any repairs necessary to vehicles and work equipment.
- Promotes good member relations.
- Promotes the efficient use and marketing of electricity.
- Determines the procedure to be used in locating the trouble of an outage.
- Installs, removes and connects transformers and related equipment.
- Sees that material charged out or returned from new construction and retirement is properly accounted for.
- Observes all traffic laws, safety rules and regulations when operating transportation and work equipment.
- Prepares a list of all poles and conductors used or returned to stock for electric construction, maintenance and retirement.
- Reviews construction methods and procedures and recommends improvements.
- Assists in staking of new lines and conversions as required.
- Installs pole gins, blocks, sheaves and other rigging equipment.
- Trims trees and does other cleaning or right-of-way as required.
- Assists in the installation of streetlights and associated equipment.
- Maintains warehouse and vehicles in a neat and orderly manner.
- To provide leadership for and encourage development of assigned personnel when acting as foreman
- Assists in the maintenance of oil circuit reclosers.
- Serves as second man on crew when making repairs with hot line tools.
- Performs on the outage rotation schedule.
- Performs any other duties as assigned by the Line Superintendent or Foreman.
- Must exercise initiative, judgment and knowledge of cooperative practices, policies, and organization.

- Will be expected to work overtime during storms and emergencies and as needed on a daily basis.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE

- Certificate from college or technical school and valid journeylevel lineworker designation required.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations.
- Ability to read and interpret documents such as system mapping and staking sheets, safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals.
- Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers, clients, customers, employees, and the general public.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

- Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals.
- Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to interpret bar graphs.
- Ability to apply concepts of basic algebra.

REASONING ABILITY

- Ability to manage changing priorities and tolerate ambiguity.
- Ability to manage multiple on-going activities and work independently.
- Ability to identify problems and implement effective solutions.
- Ability to handle confidential matters with utmost sensitivity.
- Ability to interpret and apply commonsense understanding in order to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

- A valid Minnesota driver's license is required.
- A valid Class A driver's license is required.
- Must be certified in first aid and CPR.
- Recommend training in pole top rescue.

OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Proficiency in the use of tablets/computers and all common office machines desired.
- Must possess good time-management skills.

FUNCTIONAL JOB DESCRIPTION:

EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING USED TO PERFORM JOB:

1. Line boots
2. Hard hat
3. Rubber gloves
4. Fire retardant shirt
5. Reflective vests
6. Safety glasses
7. Ear protection
8. Bulldozer
9. Backhoe

10. Bobcat
11. Bucket truck
12. Flatbed truck
13. Pick-up
14. Trencher
15. Forklift
16. Cutters
17. Shotgun stick
18. Various hand tools and other line tools

SIGNIFICANT WORKSITE MEASUREMENTS:

- Hours Worked: This is variable depending on the season and jobs. May have to work between 8 and 12 hours per day. This increases with seasonal and storm work.
 - Breaks: Every 4 hours, 30-minute unpaid lunch break.
 - Work Environment: Variable, typically working outdoors.
 - Body Mechanics or Position for Work: Working in awkward positions at times to complete job duties.
 - Task Rotation: This depends on the job tasks.
1. Bucket truck: Storage boxes range from 28 inches to 48 inches, 48 inches from the ground to the deck. Steps range from 14 inches to 28 inches. Racks for holding of pipes are up to 90 inches.
 2. Flatbed truck: Steps range from 14 inches to 28 inches. Height of bed is 52 inches from the ground.
 3. Ground rod pounder: 20 pounds.
 4. Flag stand: 18 pounds.
 5. Force to complete cutting of wire is 110 pounds with a 64-inch span needed.
 6. Anode: 40 pounds.
 7. Breaker: 80 pounds.
 8. 8-foot cross arms: 40 pounds.
 9. 10 foot perform cross arms: 100 pounds.
 10. Transformer pad: 35 pounds.
 11. Three phase pedestals: 160 pounds.
 12. One phase pedestal: 80 pounds.
 13. Underground transformer: 525 pounds, force to lift lid is 42 pounds.
 14. Pulling back neutral wires: 45 pounds of force.
 15. Lifting ramps from the ground requires 67 to 90 pounds of pull force.
 16. Force of pulling cable: Primary 150 pounds, secondary 90 pounds.
 17. Force to hold primary cable while truck is pulling it off is 190 pounds.
 18. Force to run 8-foot shotgun stick to remove elbow is 212 pounds.
 19. Parts containers: Average weight is 50 pounds.

CRITICAL DEMANDS OF JOB:

The following information describes the physical activities that are performed during a normal workday by the associates performing the job classification. The percentages of the normal workday that the physical activity is conducted will be identified as follows:

- Rarely 1-5% of the time, in a 12-hour workday.
- Occasionally 6-33% of the time, in a 12-hour workday.
- Frequently 34-66% of the time, in a 12-hour workday.
- Continuously 67-100% of the time, in a 12-hour workday

