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City of Alameda  
Code No. 7785  
Approved by C.S.B.  
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**APPRENTICE LINeworker**

**DEFINITION**

Under supervision serves an approved period in the capacity of apprentice to prepare for journey level linework; performs other related work as required.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

1. Works with journey level lineworkers in all phases of power line and equipment construction and maintenance.
2. Learns to climb wooden poles (stepped and unstepped) and works thereon and operates specialized vehicular equipment under a journey level lineworker's guidance.
3. Learns good safety practices for people and equipment around high voltage lines, wires, and cables.
4. Performs progressively more difficult work and accepts more responsibility, learning all phases of overhead and underground electrical transmission, distribution and street light system construction and maintenance.
5. Requisitions materials and keeps accurate time and material records.
6. Drives and operates specialized vehicular equipment.

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS**

Education/Experience

Any combination equivalent to education and experience likely to provide the required knowledge and abilities. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education: Graduation from high school including one year (two semesters) of algebra with a minimum "C" grade.

Experience: One year experience in construction and maintenance as electrical helper or groundworker. Electrical construction and maintenance is highly desirable.

Knowledge

Some knowledge of the fundamentals and principles of construction and maintenance, methods, tools, equipment, and materials; some knowledge of elementary electricity and mathematics; the use of specialized tools; and safe work practices and procedures.

Abilities

Ability to learn the journey level lineworker trade in accordance with accepted industry standards; demonstrate mechanical and electric aptitude; work in high places and confined spaces; operate specialized tools and vehicular equipment; communicate effectively; follow oral and written directions; establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees and the general public; make sound decisions in a manner consistent with the essential job duties.

Special Requirements

Willingness and/or ability to respond to after-hours emergency calls as required. Willingness to attend training away from city property as required.

Other Requirements

Must be able to complete a prescribed 8,000 hour apprenticeship program which includes classroom instruction, home study courses, and on the job training. Must meet standards established by the City and must pass an examination before becoming eligible for appointment to the journey level lineworker classification.

Possession of a valid Class A State of California Driver's License (or possession of a valid Class C license at the time of employment and the ability to obtain Class A within six months of employment) and a satisfactory driving record as conditions of initial and continued employment. Employees in positions requiring a Class A license are subject to provisions of the Department of Transportation's drug and alcohol testing program.