

TITLE: GROUNDMAN

ORGANIZATION UNIT: Distribution - Overhead

APPLICABLE TO: All Divisions

DUTIES:

Under immediate supervision, to do any work on the ground essential to line construction; to issue tools and materials from truck, to keep tools clean and in their proper compartments; as assigned by his foreman, to prepare requisitions for material; and to perform similar and less skilled work as assigned. In this connection to perform details of work, such as:

Help in making up cross arms, pole fixtures and guys, and splice unenergized wires.

Send tools and materials to linemen on poles.

Assist in pulling in and pulling out wire or watching wire reels during pulling operation.

Manipulate fall line or wire on winch or power reel; or, when assigned, signal the operation of winch or boom.

Trim arc lamps; patrol lines.

Perform work of general labor class, such as: load or unload ladders, lines, blocks, digging, or rigging tools and materials, dig holes, assist in setting anchors and poles (Piking, booming, straightening, tamping or concreting), do trenching and assist in adjusting poles to grade, assist in carrying poles, transformers and materials to points inaccessible to truck, load brush and do general labor work for a crew assigned to tree trimming work.

When assigned to Outlying Areas:

Do general labor work around offices or substations.

Assist in delivering merchandise.

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

For continuity of service to the extent that service should not be interrupted through faulty performance of his work.

For careful use and custody of tools and materials distributed over job work area.

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SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: (continued)

For cooperating with others in a helper capacity, to insure speedy restoration of service in emergency.

For prevention of parking or walking under poles upon which Linemen are working; for having and applying a working knowledge of safety rules and traffic regulations.

CONTACTS:

Infrequently with the public, principally when requesting outages on service wires in order that certain work may be done, such as transferring from old to new poles or reversing outlets.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Exposed to outside weather conditions; infrequently, called upon to work at night under inadequate artificial light, and at times in rain, sleet, or snow; subject to storm work in emergency during any period of the twenty-four hour cycle; subject at times to slippery or uneven footing.

HAZARDS:

Subject to the potential hazard common to line crew workers when handling wires passing over or handing from poles; to the hazard of falling objects while working about or under poles or rigging and to the hazards of street and highway traffic.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Completion of 8th grade education.

Indicated ability to work with tools, must be alert, and able-bodied, and have ordinary physical strength and endurance.

Should be ambitious to advance in line work.