

# TOWN OF FARMVILLE

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## Electric Line Technician I

POSTING DATE: July 28, 2017 – until filled

**SALARY: \$32,775 - \$49,162**

**DEPARTMENT: Utility - Electric**

### Primary Reason Why Classification Exists

To perform semi-skilled and skilled electrical work to construct, maintain, and repair electrical distribution, transmission, and underground systems serving the Town of Farmville.

### Distinguishing Features of the Class

This is skilled heavy duty electrical work in the construction, maintenance, and repair of overhead and underground electrical distribution systems. Work includes performing the most hazardous tasks in construction and maintenance of the Town's electrical distribution systems, substations, and associated equipment. Employees are required to work with high voltage electrical wires in adverse weather conditions, requiring skill and care to protect the lives of employees and others. Work is performed under the supervision of the Electric Line Supervisor and work is evaluated on the basis of attainment of specific performance objectives, quantity and quality of work, feedback from crew leaders, initiative, dependability, periodic conferences and performance evaluations.

### Illustrative Examples of Work

- Assists with installation & maintenance of overhead & underground primary & secondary power lines. Prepares wire and cross arms; uses a hand line to pull the wire in the air; digs trenches and lays pipe for underground wire
- Assists with installation & maintenance of overhead and underground transformers; prepares the transformer on the ground or truck by installing leads and ground wires with the hot line clamp
- Prepares the poles with grounding wire; loads and unloads utility pole onto or off the line truck; sets poles by maneuvering the bottom/butt of the pole after digging and cleaning out pole hole
- Installs and maintains street and area lights; maintains the lights with use of service bucket or climbing; repairs with bulbs, photocells or change-out light head and/or wire
- Reads water & electric meters; installs/removes electric meters; disconnects customer utilities on cut-off list
- Works from utility office & meter truck to complete service work orders by connecting/disconnecting power & water; places door hangers at homes regarding delinquent accounts; uses discretion regarding disconnects when elderly and/or children are present in the home
- Performs On-call and Stand-by duty once each month as member of two-man On-call/Stand-by team
- Works as member of tree trimming crew to remove trees and tree limbs to keep electric lines clear
- Operates backhoe and trencher; operates special purpose line trucks and attached equipment; checks equipment daily to ensure they are operational and equipped to provide service; also operates brush chipper, mini excavator, bush hog, gator atv, hydraulic saw, chain saw, pole tamp, chain horses, belt horse, various hand tools, shovels, rakes, pop tools, hand saw as well as vacuum trailer, wash jet trailer and air compressor.
- Assists with relocating other utilities such as cable, telephone, & fiber optic lines when setting new poles
- Performs related work as required

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of the methods, materials, tools and equipment used in electrical construction and maintenance work
- Knowledge of the principles of electricity as applied to power circuits, wiring diagrams, and plant operation
- Knowledge of the operation of aerial devices (Bucket Truck)
- Knowledge of the methods, materials, tools and equipment used in underground wire/transformer installation
- Skill in use of tools, construction equipment and testing equipment used in installation and maintenance of electrical distribution and transmissions, substations, and allied equipment
- Ability to use common work tools and equipment such as 2-Way Radio, Bucket Truck/Pick-up, Backhoe, Trencher, Front End Loader, Laptop, Digger Derrick, Regulators/Controls, Testers/Relays/Switches, Meters/Metering Equipment, Various Electrical Equipment
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, customers and general public

- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions
- Ability to climb poles & work at various heights with high voltage wires and related equipment, exercising proper safety precautions.
- Ability to maintain good physical condition, health, sufficient physical strength, agility to perform heavy manual tasks
- Ability to work under varying weather conditions to include extremes in temperature and/or adverse conditions
- Ability to operate a personal computer and associated software
- Ability to communicate effectively with the public
- Ability to work overtime (including weekends and holidays) as the needs of the Town determines is required to meet operational needs and travel to varied locations as required

### **Physical Requirements**

Work in this position is characterized as medium work exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Employee must be able to stand, use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, see clearly, bend body downward and forward, requiring full use of the lower extremities and back muscles, reach with hands and arms, hear, walk, ascend and descend stairs or ladders, climb poles, and work at heights or work in confined spaces. Employee must have the stamina to engage in strenuous physical work for extended periods of time.

### **Working Conditions**

Employees primarily subject to outside environmental conditions including extreme cold & heat as well as noise levels requiring the wearing of protective gear. Employees subject to physical workplace hazards including proximity to moving mechanical parts, vehicles, electrical current and wires, working on ladders, scaffolding and high places, exposure to extremes of heat and cold, rain, snow, ice, electrical storms and potential exposure to chemicals as well as atmospheric conditions including fumes, odors, dusts, dirt, mists, gases, or poor ventilation.

### **Education**

Graduation from high school or GED equivalency and completion of an Electrical Lineman technology training program offered by various North Carolina community colleges or through Electricities

### **Experience**

At least 1 – 3 years' experience working as lineman with municipal or private sector high voltage electrical distribution systems

### **Special Requirements**

A valid North Carolina commercial driver's license (CDL-B)

**FLSA Status:** Nonexempt (eligible for overtime or compensatory time at 1½ times regular weekly rate)

### **Disclaimer**

This classification specification has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required of employees to perform the job. The Physical Requirements and Working Conditions section of this classification may vary from position to position and a more thorough description of these elements can be found in the employee's Position Analysis Questionnaire (PAQ). The Town of Farmville reserves the right to assign or otherwise modify the duties assigned to this classification.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Must be 18 years of age or older. Drug test and criminal background check required.

Applications will be accepted at Farmville Town Hall until position is filled.

You can download our application from the web at [www.farmvillenc.gov](http://www.farmvillenc.gov).

The Town of Farmville is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

If you have questions concerning this position, call 252-753-5774 or email [cthomas@farmvillenc.gov](mailto:cthomas@farmvillenc.gov),

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. Friday, 8 - 12

NOTE: Town employees interested in applying for posted vacancy may submit an application to Town Hall.