

Journeyman Lineman



Open Until Filled
First Review January 20, 2017
\$7,176

THE COMMUNITY

The City of Blaine, Washington, is a coastal community of 5,000 people, with a unique location on the US/Canada border. Blaine offers a small town environment just outside a major metropolitan area. Blaine is only 45 minutes from downtown Vancouver, British Columbia, one of the world's most beautiful and dynamic cities. All major services are available in Bellingham, WA, only 30 minutes away, including shopping, theatres, dining, three colleges, a hospital and an airport. Interstate-5 provides easy access to Seattle, WA, two hours to the south.

Blaine offers a beautiful location and mild coastal climate where temperatures rarely exceed 80 degrees in the summer and winter snows are a novelty. Blaine's attractive climate and location make it a destination for visitors to Semiahmoo Resort and Spa. The City's four-star resort hosts conferences and visitors from around the northwest.

Blaine offers access to unlimited outdoor recreation, with the inland marine waters of the Puget Sound and Georgia Straight for boating, fishing, and day trips to the San Juan Islands. The Cascade Mountains are less than an hour's drive, offering hiking, skiing, camping, hunting and fishing. Locals like to boast that they can ski in the morning and sea kayak or golf in the afternoon.



THE POSITION

The Lineman position performs journey-level installation, maintenance, modification, troubleshooting and repair of the City electrical power distribution and street lighting system. The Lineman position requires considerable knowledge of the electric utility's equipment, facilities, layout and operations, and proficiency in the operation of any of the equipment utilized by the Department. Other experience in the electric field is desirable. While preference is for a journey-level individual, consideration will be given for a qualified apprentice in the second or third year of an approved apprenticeship program.

THE DEPARTMENT

The electric utility, is a division of the City of Blaine Public Works Department, and includes the Electric Utility Operations Forman, two Lead Linemen, and two Linemen. The City of Blaine Electrical system consists of approximately 72 miles of overhead and underground distribution lines, with two substations (substations maintained by others). Services provided include new service inspection, contractor oversight, field maintenance, utility locates, street light maintenance and repair and installation of new and temporary services. The electric division provides a 24 hour customer service line and responds to emergency outages in a timely manner.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Salary is \$7,176 (2016 wages). Qualified apprentice salary is a percentage of the lineman wage based on the step in the program, until experience requirements and WA State Journeyman Lineman status have been achieved. The position is a member of the City Light Crew bargaining group. The City offers an excellent benefit package including:

- Participation in WA State Retirement
- Health benefits at 90-percent
- Vision care benefits at 100-percent
- Dental benefits at 100-percent
- Annual Clothing Allowance
- 12 paid holidays (10 plus 2 floating)
- 15 paid vacation days
- 12 annual sick leave days
- Longevity

HOW TO APPLY

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for the position. Please submit the following documents to the attention of the Administrative Services Director, 435 Martin Street, Suite 3000, Blaine, WA 98230:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- City of Blaine Application Form
- Supplemental Qualifications Checklist
- Supplemental Qualifications Questionnaire

The job description, application form, and supplemental qualifications material are available on the City website www.cityofblaine.com. The first review deadline is 4:30 pm on Friday, January 20, 2017; open until filled.