



Metro-North Railroad

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Power Lineman

LOCATION: Connecticut

REFERENCE: 88576

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

January 31, 2017

Metro-North Railroad reserves the right to remove this posting prior to the Application Deadline.

OPENING

MTA Metro-North Railroad is a dynamic organization, operating out of the jewel of New York City, Grand Central Terminal. We provide service to over 82 million customers annually, traveling in and out of New York and Connecticut. A subsidiary of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Metro-North Railroad is the busiest commuter railroad in the nation. MTA Metro-North Railroad strives to provide a safe commute, great service to its customers and rewarding opportunities to its employees.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Linemen install, inspect, test, repair and maintain all aspects of the high tension, building power and feeder distribution systems and Power support structures.

The essential functions include, but are not limited to:

Participate in Power Department safety program and demonstrate an understanding of Power Department procedures.

Attend mandatory trainings (e.g., Roadway Worker Safety, etc.) to obtain/maintain all required qualifications to safely perform job duties.

Perform roadway worker duties (e.g., remove track from service, perform Look-Out, etc.) to ensure the safety of the work group.

Recognize the hazards of electricity and the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required to perform electrical work safely.

Assess situations to identify possible hazards and take appropriate safety precautions (e.g., PPE usage, etc.).

Obtain electrical clearances and provide electrical Lockout/Tagout protection.

Perform electrical work including switching, testing and repairs on live line electrical systems up to 27,000 volt range.

Manually assemble and disassemble electrical power components for installation of new and replacement of faulty components on structures.

Install, repair, and maintain various types of aerial cables with the use of chain hoists to continue the consistent flow of electricity.

Fabricate and install electrical conduit onto metal and wood structures.

Manually pull wires through conduit to complete an electrical circuit between two components.

Install and maintain aerial devices, such as lighting arrestors, manual and remote switches, transformers and pole mounted fuses on to the cross arms of a structure.

Install all feeder and/or signal cables, antennas, switches, fuses and other apparatuses onto structures.

Test, install, and remove aerial ground cables using a shotgun stick, in order to protect personnel and equipment while maintaining structures and cables.

Remove trees and overhangs to prevent interference with electrical systems, using chain, stick and hand saws.

Hoist heavy equipment and materials with rigging rope to provide protection to personnel and equipment while team members work on a structure.

Climb metal structures, ladders, Catenary Maintenance Vehicle (CMV) platform and/or utilize a bucket truck to access elevated work locations while tethered.

Climb wood poles and metal/steel structures to repair, install, and maintain overhead electrical systems, using climbing gaffs and fall protection.

Install, inspect, repair, and maintain portions of the catenary system, including wire, hangers, clips and insulators.

Perform electrical connections using various methods.

Operate heavy equipment such as cranes, flatbed trucks and utility vehicles.

Operate and pilot on track high rail equipment.

Perform other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

High School Diploma, General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).

Valid Driver's License.

Valid Class A Commercial Driver's License OR must obtain within 150 days of date of hire or transfer.

Experience using electrical and mechanical tools/meters.

Minimum of one (1) year of climbing experience (i.e., wood, steel).

Minimum of two (2) years of experience performing electrical work.

Preferred:

Minimum of four (4) years of experience in the electrical industry.

Formal education or training in the electrical field.

Knowledge of related OSHA regulations.

Experience working with up to 27,000 volts.

Experience with electrical clearance and Lockout/Tagout procedures.

Prior utility lineman experience working on aerial energized circuits while climbing.

Knowledges, skills & abilities:

Ability to work at heights up to 100 feet on the Harlem & Hudson lines and at heights up to 200 feet on the New Haven line; ability to climb steel and wood structures; mechanical reasoning; electrical knowledge; knowledge of electrical symbols; reading comprehension; knowledge of mechanical and electrical tools and their appropriate usage; skilled in bending conduit; knowledge of tools and meters and their appropriate usage; skilled in using electrical and mechanical tools (e.g., wrenches, power drills, ratchets, testers, etc.); ability to work with others; interpersonal skills; basic troubleshooting skills; memorization ability; ability to follow instructions; ability and willingness to learn; written and verbal communication skills; must be safety conscious; ability to work safely with electrical hazards; ability to perform physically demanding work tasks.

RATE OF PAY

The starting rate for this position is \$22.31 (65% of the full rate). The full rate of pay is \$34.33.

The annual wage progression scale is as follows: Year 1=65% > Year 2=70% > Year 3=75% > Year 4=80% > Year 5=92% > Year 6=100%.

This rate has been established by the collective bargaining unit and is non-negotiable.

An exception may be granted for a journeyman rate to anyone who has one of the following:

1. Has completed a four-year, bona fide electrical apprenticeship program
2. Has had four years of full-time practical experience as an electrician, and can provide proof thereof (by means of a card or certificate)
3. Has graduated from a four-year college or university with a degree in electrical engineering, and has completed two years of bona fide full-time electrical apprenticeship program or has had two years of practical experience as an electrician.

For those approved for a journeyman rate, the wage progression scale is as follows: 80>85>100% of the full rate of pay.

SENIORITY

Applicants will establish seniority in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union (IBEW), the union representing Lineman, in accordance with the union's current collective bargaining agreement.

Members of IBEW are subject to an initiation fee and monthly union dues.

ASSIGNMENTS

Must have the ability to work various hours, days, shifts and locations.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be selected for a position, an applicant must: (1) meet the minimum requirements in the job posting, (2) pass a written examination (if applicable), (3) satisfy a background investigation (which includes credit, if applicable), and (4) pass an oral interview, during which the interviewers will further evaluate the applicant's qualifications for the position. Because the selection process is competitive, not all qualified applicants are granted an interview. Metro-North may also require the applicant to undergo a physical ability test, and, if the Company extends a conditional offer, may require him or her to undergo a medical examination, which may include toxicological testing.

For applicants who are current employees, you must be in active service and have worked in your present position for at least one (1) year to be eligible to apply for a posted position, and have completed the agreed upon formal training commitment, plus on-the-job training, if applicable (for example: Signal Trainee, Foreman-In-Training, etc.) in order to be eligible to transfer. If you are transferred, you may be required to forfeit your seniority in your present occupation. In addition, Metro-North employees are subjected to an internal investigation, which includes an evaluation of their safety and discipline records and their performance assessments.

As an employee of Metro-North Railroad you may be required to complete a New York State financial disclosure statement, if you earn more than \$91,821.00 or if you hold a position designated as a policy maker.

We offer a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. If interested, please apply online at www.mta.info

OTHER INFORMATION

This position is safety sensitive and subject to toxicology testing.

Must be able to use/wear all safety related equipment in the performance of their duties.

Must become and maintain roadway worker qualification and physical characteristics qualification.

Training:

Basic Line School, classroom training, on-the-job training.

Physical activities include, but are not limited to the following:

Color vision required to recognize and distinguish colors of signals while operating a vehicle on the tracks.

Must be able to regularly push, pull, and lift materials up to 50 pounds. Carry tools and supplies to and from job locations.

Must be able to climb 40 foot structures, occasionally up to 100 feet (Harlem & Hudson) and 200 feet (New Haven), and ladders and wood poles to access certain work locations.

Must be able to walk significant distances along the tracks and uneven surfaces.

Working conditions include, but are not limited to the following:

Works in close proximity to 13,200 VAC overhead lines.

Works in all areas of Metro-North territory.

Works in the vicinity of moving trains.

Works from platform on wire train/CMV, bucket trucks and aerial lifts.

Works in all weather conditions, ranging from extreme hot to extreme cold.

HOW TO APPLY

Qualified applicants can submit an online application by clicking on the 'APPLY NOW' button from either the CAREERS page or from the JOB DESCRIPTION page.

If you have previously applied on line for other positions, enter your User Name and Password. If it is your first registration, click on the CLICK HERE TO REGISTER hyperlink and enter a User Name and Password; then click on the REGISTER button.

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