

**TALLAHATCHIE VALLEY ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION
JOB DESCRIPTION**

Title:	Electrical Right of Way Technician	Reviewed:	March 1, 2019
Number:		Exempt Status:	Non-exempt
EEO-1	51-9032	Reports To:	ROW Superintendent
EEO-1 Class	7A Operative	Supervises:	none

JOB PURPOSE

This job is that of an experienced heavy equipment operator of the Association’s equipment used in clearing Right-of-way. The job classification is that of personnel that routinely operates such equipment near energized lines with minimum supervision as needed. The employee will operate a chainsaw both on the ground and while in an aerial lift. The employee will be expected to perform certain functions related to the construction and restoration of the power system.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary Functions:

- Reports any unsafe conditions on distribution/transmission facilities.
- Trained in CPR and First-Aid
- Performs daily maintenance/service on assigned vehicles and equipment.
- Performs daily inspections and completes necessary reports on assigned equipment.
 - Skilled at mechanical skills and required to perform daily maintenance for machines one operates.
- ROW and Electric al Maintenance/Clearing:
 - Primarily operates the ROW mechanical equipment such as; (Jarraff, GEO-Boy, Cat-Skid Steer, Bulldozer, Bucket Truck and Tractor Trailer) utilized to trim trees adjacent to TVEPA’s rights-of-ways, and near energized line facilities.
 - Participates in on the job training and satisfies training requirements to become Line Clearance Tree Trimmer per OSHA 1019.269.
 - Performs Truck and Line Grounding by utilizing proper application of equipment and techniques.
 - Performs insulated switching as directed by utilizing hot sticks.
 - Reads and interprets work orders and service orders. Capable of using the electronics and software programs to carry out these functions.
 - Obtains and maintains a climbing status by performing 40 hours pole work and performing t annually both pole and truck emergency rescue training.
 - Pulls regular after-hours duty with an assigned lineman that provides direct supervision. Not to work on voltages above 600 Volts or within the minimum approach distance for voltages above 600 Volts.
 - Obtains a Mississippi Pesticide Applicators License and is proficient at mixing and applying pesticides as needed.
 - Operates the pickups and transport vehicles and equipment involved with the transportation of TVEPA’s ROW Heavy Equipment and personnel.
 - Must operate a chainsaw to cut brush and chipper to clean up ROW debris as needed.

Secondary Functions:

- Utilize radio for communications.
- Emergency storm support.
- Perform any other duties assigned in order to fulfill the objectives of the Association.

Functions performed by all TVEPA Employees: Keeps informed and complies with all TVEPA policies, procedures and rules. Participates in Job Safety and Training. Complies with all TVEPA safety rules and regulations. Exercises reasonable care in the use and security of all TVEPA assets. Makes every effort to serve all members courteously and efficiently, to respond to their inquiries, satisfy their complaints and if unable to do so, refer them to the proper persons. Makes every effort at all times to do all possible to develop members support. Keeps supervisor informed of all activities and advising of unusual situations or problems that arise. Cooperates with all employees in maintaining good working relationships and high morale; exchanges ideas, information and job experiences.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be constructed as exhaustive list of all duties and responsibilities of personnel so classified.

EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

Maintain good relationships in all contacts with the general public. Establishes effective working relationships, provides information, assistance, coordination, advice and other positive communication that best represents the business needs of the Association with the following:

- **Members-Consumers:** Responds to inquiries, provides advice and assistance and promotes Association programs, policies, plans and services.
- **General Public and Community:** Maintains good relationships in all contacts with the general public and community. Presents a friendly. Positive and professional image for the Association.

JOB SPECIFICATIONS

- **Education and Accreditation (s):** High School Diploma or GED.
- **Experience:** Position requires specialized education or experience related to ROW work and electrical service work. This is a progressive job class that requires a minimum of five years on the job training or equivalent experience to reach maximum performance.
- **Knowledge:** Possess a working knowledge of all materials, methods, and equipment utilized in ROW clearing, and understanding of line work and procedures of working near energized lines. Working knowledge of National Electrical Safety Code.
- **Abilities/Skills:** Ability to maintain/operate assigned tools/equipment, perform mathematical calculations, complete reports. Read and apply information from technical manuals/drawings and work order documentation.
- **Driving:** Minimum of a Mississippi CDL-class A (CDL-class A permit will be considered with the understanding that a full CDL-class A license is obtained within 90 days of employment)
- **Equipment (including Safety/PPE):** FR clothing as needed , hard hat, safety glasses, ear plugs, chain-saw chaps, work gloves, rubber gloves and safety reflective vest (required for assigned duties). All equipment utilized in ROW maintenance: Truck/Low-boy, Tree Trimmer,

Tractor/Bush-hog, Chipper/Truck, Bucket-truck, winches, chainsaws, telescoping switch-stick (w/saw), pruners and lone reach saw, and related hand tools.

- **Physical Demands:** Majority of the time spent sitting position in/on equipment or vehicle. Must be able to lift up to 100 lbs., squat or bend in positions needed to service equipment, able to stand and walk for extended periods of time. Must be able to climb poles as needed.
- **Work Environment:** Outside, in all weather conditions; overtime as required.

After an offer of employment has been made the Association requires a physical which will include both alcohol and drug testing.