

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive; Non-Competitive in Villages  
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**LINE HELPER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is routine manual work of a repetitive nature, requiring familiarity with the tools and terminology of the trade to be able to supply the line workers with tools and equipment in the shortest possible time. The work is performed under the immediate supervision of a line worker or other superior. The incumbent does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative only)

Acts as groundskeeper for line workers, supplying tools, materials, and equipment;  
Assists in setting, guying, and equipping poles for electric power transmission lines;  
Assists in the stringing of electric power transmission lines on poles or through conduits;  
Assists in installing, disconnecting, and maintaining service lines and electric meters;  
Assists in installing, maintaining, and repairing street lighting equipment;  
Digs holes for utility poles and trims trees in the path of transmission lines;  
Assists in the extension, maintaining, and operation of a water treatment and distribution system;  
Operates automotive and power equipment in connection with work;  
Performs a variety of general public works maintenance duties;  
Answers emergency trouble calls.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Elementary understanding of the basic principles of electric power distribution;  
Familiarity with the tools, terminology, materials, and safety precautions of the trade;  
Ability to follow simple oral and written instructions;  
Mechanical aptitude.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and one (1) year of experience as an electrician's helper, mechanic's helper, or construction laborer.

**NOTE:** Training in electrical fundamentals, automotive mechanics, or construction trades may be credited for up to one (1) year of the required experience.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Eligibility for an appropriate level New York State Driver's License at time of application. Possession of license at time of appointment.