

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - Job Description  
NRECA Job Code: 55-3642

Operates specialized equipment used in electric line construction, maintenance and replacement including hole digging machines, derricks used in setting and removing poles, air compressors and other equipment mounted on digger trucks. Takes proper care of equipment and performs minor maintenance.

Typical responsibilities include:

- Performs maintenance and minor repairs as needed and on a timely basis.
- Drives equipment to and from the job site and transports materials, tools, personnel, and equipment.
- Operates and maintains hydraulic boom as well as associated equipment with extreme care.
- Performs pole hauling, framing, setting and other groundwork.
- Ensures that all materials and tools are properly placed on the vehicles. Ensures that trucks and assigned equipment are properly maintained.
- Complies with, while operating any vehicle assigned, all traffic laws, safety rules, regulations and practices.
- Looks out for the safety of others, the vehicle, its occupants and load.
- Observes hazardous and unsafe conditions on the system and reports them to the line foreman.
- Shall perform same duty requirements as a groundman.
- Other duties as assigned.

Job Requirements:

- Must maintain a valid Class A Commercial Driver's License with an acceptable driving record.
- Ability to exert in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.
- Ascending and descending electric poles occasionally, using feet and legs and/or hands and arms. Body agility is emphasized.
- Maintaining body equilibrium is a must to prevent falling when climbing electric poles or walking and/or standing on erratically moving surfaces.
- Bending body downward and forward frequently, by bending spine at the waist requiring full use of the lower extremities and back muscles.
- Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knees and bending the body downward by bending leg and spine and moving about on hands and knees or hands and feet.
- Extending hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction.
- Standing for sustained periods of time and/or walking for long distances.
- Using upper extremities to press against something with steady force in order to thrust forward, downward or outward and/or using upper extremities to exert force in order to draw, drag or tug objects in a sustained motion.
- Raising objects from a lower to a higher position or moving objects horizontally from position to position which requires substantial use of the upper extremities and back muscles.
- Applying pressure to an object with the fingers and palm and/or perceiving attributes of objects, such as size, shape, temperature or texture by touching with skin, particularly that of fingertips.
- Substantial movements (motions) of the wrist, hands, and/or fingers.
- Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words, in order to convey detailed or instructions to other workers accurately, loudly, or quickly.
- Ability to receive detailed information through oral communications.
- Worker is frequently subject to both environmental conditions, both inside and outside – widely fluctuating temperatures.
- Worker is substantially subject to hazards while working with, or near electrical current.
- Worker is substantially subject to hazards while working with moving machinery.