

Position Description

Position title:	Line Mechanic - Dunedin	Created:	October 2024
Division:	Unison Contracting Services Limited	Location:	Dunedin
Reports to (title):	Field Services Team Leader - Dunedin	Salary Band:	E
Team function:	Unison Contracting Services Limited is the contracting arm of Unison, one of New Zealand's largest electricity distribution businesses. Across Hawke's Bay, Taupo and Rotorua, we have a staff of qualified professionals who are skilled in the following areas: • design work • project management • asset recording • cable location • power line audits, and power line upgrades • tree trimming and removal • directional drilling • trenching • traffic management In addition, UCSL has entered into a multi-year agreement with Aurora Energy to help deliver its network programme. UCSL has established permanent capacity in Dunedin to efficiently meet the scope of work covering maintenance, renewal, and development work on Aurora Energy's electricity network in Dunedin.		
Prime function / Purpose of Position	The role of Line Mechanic is to install new equipment and services to both overhead lines and underground cables. Repair and restore fault damaged lines, cables and equipment.		
Employee Supervision:	Direct: 0 Indirect: 0		
Cost Centre Budget:	Cost Centre budget responsibility	\$	
Delegated Financial Authority:	Maximum purchasing authority per item (Opex)	\$	
	Maximum purchasing authority per item (Capex)	\$	
Key stakeholder relationships and linkages:	Internal	External	
	• Group Leadership Team • Unison Group of Employees • Unison Contracting Employees	• Outside Contractors	

Key Responsibilities

The Key Responsibilities of the Line Mechanic are:

Provide line construction services by:

- Fitting and erecting of poles and other line supports.
- Running out, staining up, sagging and binding-in of conductors.
- Erecting, fitting and connecting all necessary line equipment.

Provide a maintenance service by:

- Maintaining and overhauling transmission and distribution lines.
- Constructing/replacing damaged transmission and distribution lines.
- Regularly maintaining and testing equipment to the required standard.

Provide a fault response service by:

- Accepting responsibility for initial identification of network faults.
- Engaging in repair of line and cable faults.
- Ensuring that faults have been adequately fixed before leaving the area.
- Ensuring that all safety procedures are followed and adhered to.

Provide a cable laying service by:

- Digging appropriate trenches.
- Laying cables according to standards, specifications and plans.
- Installing transformers and pedestals.
- Recovering trenches.
- Livening cables on completion of work.

Provide vegetation services by:

- Identifying trees that are causing obstruction to overhead lines.
- Removing trees or branches that are causing obstructions.
- Removing debris from site.

General

- The Line Mechanic is often in close contact with customers and the public and needs to remain courteous and helpful at all times.
- The Line Mechanic works in a team environment and must actively seek to support and protect fellow team members.
- The Line Mechanic must be able to effectively apply first aid techniques when required.
- Complete documentation relevant to the performance of duties.

Quality Management System:

Comply with the company's Quality requirements:

- Adhering to internal and external policies, procedures or standards that apply to the Quality Management System.
- Supporting continual improvement in all areas of their work.

Health & Safety

Comply with the Company's Health and Safety requirements and in particular:

- Ensure that no action or inaction on your part while at work, harms any member of the public or damages their property;
- Ensure safety to members of the public, and their property, by following all company policies, procedures and promptly reporting public safety issues;
- To follow the safe working practices set out in the Safety Manual - Electricity Industry (or its revised equivalent);
- Ensure that all incidents and accidents are reported in a timely manner;
- Ensure your own safety at work;
- Ensure that no action or inaction on your part while at work, harms any other person;
- Report any hazard identified within the workplace or arising out of the work;
- Report and record injuries/illnesses arising out of the work or the work environment; and
- Participate in emergency drills and training sessions in occupational safety and health, as required.

	Essential	Desirable
Formal Education & Training:	• Current EWRB Practicing Licence as a Line Mechanic.	
Experience (Years & Type):	• 2 years as Line Mechanic or Trainee Line Mechanic.	

Specialist skills:		
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Competency Requirements		
• Committed to living and role modelling the Company values of Safety and Wellbeing, Excellence, Customer Service, Integrity and Teamwork, and the supporting behaviours. • Committed to supporting the Company in achieving our vision. • Calm disposition. • Team player. • Able to think clearly under pressure. • A comprehensive knowledge of electrical practices. • Communication skills. • Organisation skills. • Complete projects according to plans and instructions. • Physically fit. • A head for heights. • No colour blindness.		

Compliance Requirements	
Business Compliance:	Ensure a sound understanding of, demonstrate commitment to and comply with all legislation and Unison Policy relevant to your role and all activities undertaken in that role.
Health and Safety:	Undertake all work in a safe manner and follow all company and workplace health and safety procedures.
Special Conditions	Standby availability