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JAMES CARTWRIGHT

Distribution Lineman

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced distribution lineman with 9 years in utility maintenance and emergency response. Proven ability to restore power during outages, install new service lines, and follow rigorous safety procedures. Licensed CDL holder and OSHA-certified, committed to minimizing downtime and hazards in all working conditions.

EDUCATION

AAS in Electrical Line Technology

Missoula College - Missoula, MT | 2016

Certifications

- OSHA 30-Hour Certification | 2024
- Class A CDL | 2023
- CPR & First Aid | 2023

SKILLS

•	Overhead and underground distribution	Expert
•	Bucket and digger truck operations	Expert
•	Circuit isolation and troubleshooting	Expert
•	Pole framing and setting	Expert
•	Transformer mounting	Expert
•	Load balancing	Expert
•	SCADA system familiarity	Expert
•	CPR and First Aid	Expert
•	Traffic control and flagging	Expert
•	Team communication	Expert

EXPERIENCE

2018 - Now

Distribution Lineman

NorthWestern Energy / Billings, MT

- Perform planned and emergency maintenance of power distribution lines in residential and commercial zones, including pole replacements, transformer installations, and service drops using bucket trucks and digger derricks.
- Respond to outage calls and storm damage with precision, restoring service safely and efficiently while coordinating with ground crew and dispatch for effective troubleshooting and isolation.
- · Participate in routine inspections, record findings, and perform voltage testing to ensure operational integrity of all components and minimize long-term failures.
- · Maintain strict adherence to safety policies, attend daily tailboard briefings, and participate in company-wide safety audits and workshops to uphold compliance with OSHA and company standards.

2016 - 2018

Lineman Apprentice

Yellowstone Electric Co. / Billings, MT

- · Assisted journeymen with the setup and maintenance of underground and overhead electric systems, including cable pulling, termination, and system grounding for housing developments.
- · Learned to read schematics and perform basic electrical diagnostics under supervision, contributing to successful completion of regional utility upgrade projects.
- Supported crews during after-hours service calls and high-volume emergency responses, gaining critical field experience under challenging
- Completed over 8,000 hours of apprenticeship training while enrolled in the Montana Lineman Apprenticeship Program, covering equipment handling, safety regulations, and electrical theory.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Member

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 532