

JOB DESCRIPTION
VIRGINIA PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Bargaining Unit AFSCME Local 729 **Non-Bargaining**
Occup Group SWG

I. **TITLE:** SERVICEPERSON/WELDER

II. **RATE OF PAY:** Pay Grade 23 As Per Bargaining Unit Agreement
(90% of listed rate for first 6 months of employment for new employees)

III. **REPORTS TO:** SUPERVISOR-DISTRIBUTION

IV. **RESPONSIBILITIES** (not meant to be inclusive of all duties to be assigned):

This individual is responsible for performing skilled and semi-skilled work in connection with plumbing, pipe fitting, welding and related trades involved in the installation, maintenance and repair of water, gas, and district steam heating distribution systems. In addition, this individual performs welding in all positions, on all thicknesses of piping and related equipment and materials involved in operation of this Utility.

- Installs, maintains and repairs water, gas and district steam heat lines, meters, regulators, valves, traps, expansion joints, etc within the jurisdiction of this Utility.
- Reads and records meter readings when assigned.
- Does carpentry and cement work.
- Digs ditches, backfills and performs other work relative to the installation, maintenance and repair of water, gas or district steam heat systems.
- Drives trucks, operates air compressor, backhoe, skidster and other mechanical equipment.
- Performs arc and gas welding in all positions on all piping equipment and materials involved in operation of this Utility.
- Performs other related work as assigned.

V. **WORK SCHEDULE:**

- Generally day shift
- May be asked to work extra shifts, call outs, or trouble call duty.
- Must be able to meet the reasonable response time as specified in the current AFSCME contract.

VI. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Educational
 - Graduation from high school or equivalent required.
 - One year of welding in trade or vocational school
 - Four years experience in installation, maintenance and repair of water, gas and district steam heat distribution systems or successful completion of Utility Serviceman Apprenticeship.
2. Knowledge and Experience
 - Thorough knowledge of hazards of occupation.
 - Thorough knowledge of water, gas and district steam heating distribution systems.
 - Should have an analytical mind to be able to solve problems of both a technical and operational nature.
 - Must have good communication skills.
 - Ability to understand all relevant codes (water, gas, steam, hot water).
3. Required Licenses, Certifications, Training
 - Welding certification under the Department's welding procedures
 - Must have a valid Class B Commercial driver's license.
 - Must have or achieve required OPS gas training
4. Other
 - Within probationary period, must be able to perform duties of Serviceman
 - Ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

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- Should be able to get along with individuals at all levels, both inside and outside the Department.
- Must be able to deal with customers with unfailing courtesy and tact.
- It is desirable an individual be promotable to positions of higher responsibility.

VII. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS are those necessary to successfully perform the essential functions of this job:

1. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear.
2. The employee frequently is required to stand and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.
3. The employee is occasionally required to walk, sit, climb or balance, and taste or smell.
4. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds.
5. Specific vision abilities required by this job include distance vision, peripheral vision, and depth perception.

VIII. WORK ENVIRONMENT are those encountered while performing the essential functions of this job:

1. While performing the duties of this job, the employee frequently works near moving mechanical parts, in outside weather conditions, and with explosives and is frequently exposed to extreme heat.
2. The employee is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, extreme cold, and vibration.
3. The noise level is usually loud (traffic, equipment, etc.)