

ARBORIST / ROW SPECIALIST

Organization: Thumb Electric Cooperative

Location: Ubly or Caro, MI

Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Mail resumes to Thumb Electric Cooperative,

Attn: Resumes, 2231 Main Street, Ubly, MI 48475 or emailed to tec@tecmi.coop.

Summary:

To ensure an effective program in managing vegetation and ROW for Thumb Electric Cooperatives existing and future electric and fiber optic infrastructure.

To safely provide reliable service to members by developing, managing, and directing a vegetation management program for the Cooperative to provide safe clearances to protect the public, minimize outages from tree contacts, improve service reliability for the member, assure cost-effective maintenance practices and create future cost reduction strategies for the Cooperative.

Position Responsibilities:

1. Capable of handling functions related to vegetation and Right-of-Way maintenance including the following:
 - a. Electrical line clearance
 - b. Tree maintenance
 - c. Vegetation management contracts
 - d. Member inquiries for tree removals and trimming
 - e. Right of Way spray program
2. Knowledgeable of Cooperative, State, and Federal rules, regulations and policies in order to properly handle the Right of Way needs of the Cooperative.
3. Manage a budget for annual circuit maintenance.
4. Verify contractor invoicing.
5. Secure Easement and Right of Way as needed.
6. Maintain a Right of Way management plan.
7. Preparing bid packets, meetings, and bid evaluations for vegetation maintenance and make recommendations for vendor selection for vegetation management.
8. Resolve Right of Way and vegetation management conflicts.
9. Work a flexible work schedule and perform duties with little or no supervision.
10. Assist as required in emergency and outage situations.
11. Show concern for safety of self and others by following adopted TEC Safety Rules & Regulations and supporting safety culture.
12. Miscellaneous other duties so assigned.

Qualifications:

Education - Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Arboriculture or related field, or a combination of education and experience providing equivalent knowledge. ISA Certified Arborist or ability to gain within 1 year of start. Also, will need to obtain the MDARD Core and Category 6 Certification within 1 year of start.

Experience - A minimum of 10 years of experience in utility vegetation management, with at least 5 years being in a leadership level position and 2 years' experience in customer contact. GIS mapping skills are helpful and have the ability to adapt to ever changing computer technologies.

Availability - During regular duties and during system emergencies.

Skills/Knowledge/Abilities (SKA) Required:

1. Working knowledge of specific species of any and all vegetation. Outstanding customer service skills to maintain a positive relationship with members of the Cooperative.
2. Must utilize mobile devices, computers and other communication devices in order to clearly and concisely communicate with outside entities including contractors and Cooperative members.
3. Must be able to interact with diverse groups of people including members, other employees, contractors and general public in a courteous and professional manner. Good practical computer, communication, and people skills a must as well as the ability to work in stressful situations.
4. Must possess a valid driver's license, which is in compliance with state and federal regulations.
5. Must be able to work long hours under a high degree of physical and mental stress. Must be physically capable of lifting 50 pounds.
6. Must be able to traverse difficult terrain.

Thumb Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity employer.