



Journeyman Lineman – FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

What is the difference between Maintenance and General Construction?

- **Division – Maintenance (Title 200)** – Is our maintenance crews. They report to the same yard/location daily and work on maintenance and restoration. These are the first crews to be contacted during call outs. They are the primary crews used for emergency restoration. Travel may be necessary from time to time to help with storm repair.
- **General Construction (Title 300)** – Is our traveling work force. They have a headquarters but will travel to work on large capital projects, pole replacements, stringing new line, etc., throughout the system. These crews are called out for emergency restoration if the division crew is already working on an emergency restoration. They are eligible to respond to emergency storm repair.

What are the hourly pay rates?

The hourly pay rates are negotiated with the IBEW Local 1245 Union. They are as follows:

- **Transmission & Distribution General Construction:**
General Construction (T-300) - Hourly Rate - \$66.86
- **Distribution – Maintenance & Construction:**
Division – Maintenance (T-200) - Hourly Rate - \$63.67
- **Transmission Operations (5-Yr Movement Lock)** Division
– Maintenance (T-200) - Hourly Rate - \$66.86
- **Public Safety & Regulatory**
Compliance Inspector - Hourly Rate - \$63.67
- **Restoration & Control – (INTERNAL PLACEMENTS ONLY)**
Troubleman - Hourly Rate - \$64.92

Will I be able to move around locations?

Once you are hired with PG&E you are held on a 12month job move standard. This is a policy implemented for **ALL** new hires within PG&E. (The only exception is Transmission-Maintenance with a 5yr lock.) **However, you will have access to utilize our internal bidding system after 6 months.** Employees are encouraged to utilize the bidding system and move within the company to gain additional experience.

How does the bidding process work?

You are allowed to bid on as many locations that interest you up to a specified limit of 80. When a vacancy opens, the job will be released to bidding to fill. A list is then generated based on job title and seniority. Offers are extended based on the union agreement. If the top bidder declines, the bidding team will continue down the list until either the job is accepted or the list is exhausted. Once the list has been exhausted, the position then becomes unrestricted (URA) to external candidates.

How long is my probationary period?

Your probationary period is 6 months from your first day of employment. General Construction classifications are 1 year from your first day of employment.

How much overtime will I work and what are the overtime policies?

Maintenance – *Overtime is typically part of your base work plan and will vary depending on where you are at. You are the first to be called out and will be responding to emergencies. If you are called out for emergency work outside of your regular work hours or on a holiday which you are entitled to have off, you shall be paid overtime compensation for the actual worktime and travel time.*

General Construction – *If you are reporting to a work location more than 25 miles from your residence or transferred to a headquarters other than yours you are paid a per diem wage as outlined in the Union/Company agreement in Title 300. General Construction crews are called out for emergency restoration if the division crew is already working on an emergency restoration. They are eligible to respond to emergency storm repair to include mutual aid. You may have pre-arranged overtime. On call-outs you will be paid for travel time up to 30 minutes.*

****Meals and hotel are paid for on storm damage; if your regular work location is more than 65 miles from your home (once expenses are triggered). You are paid \$30 per day to use for meals, gas, etc., in addition to a hotel.***

If I am hired will I need to provide my own tools?

If you are hired you are encouraged to bring your own tools/climbing gear. If the tools you bring do not pass PG&E inspection, we will provide those tools to you. If you do not have tools to bring with you, PG&E will provide tools for you.

Do I have to relocate before my hire date?

No – *You have up to 1 year to utilize your relocation package. If you accept relocation and do not use the relocation within 1 year of your hire date you will be required to pay back the \$5,000 lump sum payment.*

We understand that there may be many questions during this process. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of us to answer all of your questions or if you need clarification on anything. We look forward to working with you soon!

Thank you,

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