

Parkland Light and Water Company
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Job Title: Equipment Operator
Department: Water Department
Wage: \$35.47 per hour
Position Closes on: Open until filled

POSITION SUMMARY AND SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Equipment Operator is a union position requiring a minimum of 10 years of experience operating excavator, back hoe, 10-yard dump truck and other power equipment. Washington State Water Distribution Manager 1 Certification (WDM 1) within 3 years and is responsible for construction, maintenance and operation of Parkland Light and Water Company's (PL&WCo) water distribution, treatment system and other duties as needed. This position requires moderate supervision. Responsible for job site safety, onsite work performance and in compliance with all federal, state, local regulations, company policies and standards. Must live within a PL&WCo-determined reasonable commute of the Company's service area. View our service area at https://www.plw.coop/about_us.html.

TO APPLY:

- **Download and complete application:**
<https://www.plw.coop/Forms/JobApplication.pdf>
- **Submit application to:**
 - Email: General Manager, Susan Cutrell at cutrell@plw.coop Assure Subject Line reads "**Equipment Operator**".
 - Mail to: Parkland Light & Water Company, Atten: Susan Cutrell, P.O. Box 44426 Tacoma, WA 98448.

CLOSING DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2019

POSITION DUTIES

REPORTS TO:

This position reports to and works under the direction of the Water Foreman. This position performs a wide range of manual and technical labor to support the operation and maintenance for the water distribution, water treatment system and general property needs. This position may work with and supervise over other water servicemen or meter readers who are assisting the water department on occasion.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following:

The main duty of the equipment operator would be operating excavator, back hoe, dump truck and crane for the installation of water main, electrical vaults and conduit. Other duties that could be assigned are as follows:

- Perform skilled work in construction, locating, maintenance and repair of services, water lines, raise and/or repair valves, hydrants, meters, and other water system facilities.
- Familiar on new regulations and procedures for operating a Class A public water system.
- Flushing water mains, pressure testing, and water quality sample collection on new construction.
- Keep all vehicles clean and making minor corrections to vehicles on a daily basis, as well as bi-weekly vehicle inspections.
- Must be able to work under pressure, handle multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
- Must possess excellent communication skills both written and verbal.
- Document corrections to current maps by providing sketches or digital photos with measurements for the engineering department to make corrections to improve utility maps
- Review and understand job site plans while working as “Installation Inspector” for construction projects.
- Prioritize service orders, locates, or other duties assigned to complete them in an efficient and timely manner.
- Services and maintains tools and equipment used to repair water system facilities.
- Assesses job sites for hazardous conditions and set up proper barricades, warning signs, traffic cones, station flaggers or other channeling devices to safely move traffic, pedestrians and construction equipment around or through the construction zone/work area for the safety of the crew and the general public.
- Complete required paperwork and forms on a daily basis. (Service orders, work orders, material sheets, and time sheets)
- Train/share knowledge and skills with crew to build a teamwork environment.
- Maintain inventory. Along with crew, keep vehicles stocked with a minimum inventory of materials for emergency and daily work.
- Responds to job-site inquiries and communicates with contractors and property owners regarding work being performed and the impact work may have on their property.
- Provide excellent customer service by responding to customer complaints in a timely and courteous manner.
- Will be assigned to week long after hour emergency call out duty on a rotating basis.
- Other duties as assigned.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Duties are primarily performed in the field with exposure to extreme weather conditions for extended periods of time, confined spaces, automobile traffic, construction tools and equipment. Work involves exposure to fumes, loud noise, chemicals, hostile animals, and angry customers.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

This job typically requires sitting, climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, finger dexterity, grasping, feeling, reaching, standing, talking, hearing, seeing, and repetitive motions. Must be able to wear a respirator to work with AC water pipe.

Very Heavy Work: Exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

QUALIFICATIONS

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge Of:

- Set-ups, layouts, practices, and procedures used to repair and service waterworks systems;
- Maintenance and repair of water facilities in a wide variety of weather conditions;
- Safety hazards inherent to outdoor construction work;
- General concrete, landscaping, paving, and erosion control;
- Safety rules and regulations;
- Basic mechanics for equipment, machinery, and hand tools used in construction work;
- Confined space entry and trenching and shoring regulations, procedures, and practices;
- Standards and regulations used in the installation of water systems.
- Ability to communicate technical information clearly and concisely to field crew, customers, office employees, state, county officials and management staff.
- Team player with ability and desire to accept direction from others.
- Prompt and time sensitive to job completion.

Skills in:

- Operating construction equipment such as excavator, backhoes, boring machines, generator, jackhammers, and cut-off saws;
- Operating hand tools;
- Operating and maneuvering single and double axel dump trucks, trailers and crane;
- Drawing as-built sketches; use of digital camera and laptop to assist engineering in documenting electronic as-built information;
- Reading blueprints, as-built sketches, and maps;
- Working with staff with varying skill levels;
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with employees and the general public;
- Communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc., sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction;

Experience/Education: Any equivalent combination of education and experience that provides the applicant with the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to effectively and efficiently perform the job. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Minimum ten years' experience operating excavator, back hoe and dump truck. Experience in utility maintenance and installation with a construction company.

Education:

High School Diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED).

Licensing Requirements:

Possess and maintain:

- Valid Washington State Driver's License with a driving record acceptable to PL&WCo and its insurance carrier.
- Commercial Driver's Class A License with Airbrake Endorsement.
- Industrial First Aid and CPR Card within six months of employment.
- Certified Flagger Card within six months of employment.
- A Washington State Water Distribution Manager Operator in Training Certification within 2 year of employment and Water Distribution Manager 1 within 3 years of employment.
- A Washington State Cross Connection Specialist (CCS) Certification is required within 3 years.

NOTES**SALARY RANGE AND BENEFITS:**

The Equipment Operator position wage is \$35.47 an hour, plus excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision, defined pension, 401K, vacation, sick leave, life insurance, and paid holidays

This job description does not constitute an employment agreement and may be changed or amended at any time to meet the needs of the Company.

The statements contained in these job descriptions reflect general details as necessary to describe the principal functions of the job, the level of knowledge and skill typically required, and the scope of responsibility, but should not be considered an all-inclusive listing of work requirements. Individuals may perform other duties as assigned, including work in other functional areas to cover absences or relief, to equalize peak work periods, or otherwise balance the workload. PL&WCo is an Equal Opportunity Employer.