

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT  
CITY OF UNALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
Electric Production Division**

**OPEN DATE:** April 20, 2021  
**CLOSE DATE:** May 3, 2021  
**POSITION:** POWER PLANT OPERATOR 1  
**HIRING WAGE:** \$32.83 – \$34.83 hour

The City of Unalaska is accepting applications for the position of **Power Plant Operator I in the Department of Public Utilities**. Located in the central Aleutian Islands, Unalaska, Alaska is a multicultural coastal community of approximately 4,500 full-time residents and is home to the number one commercial fishing port in the United States, the International Port of Dutch Harbor.

*The following duties ARE NOT intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification. Shown are duties intended to provide a representative summary.*

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

This entry level position reports and works under direct supervision from the Power Plant Supervisor. Overall, the position operates, monitors, and maintains diesel generators, electrical equipment, switch-gear, fuel transfer system, and cooling equipment used in the generation of electricity. Additional detailed duties include start and shut down various gen-sets transferring power on and off line for maintenance purposes; check instruments and meters to determine proper operation of equipment; logs equipment readings every 2 hours; maintain proper fuel, lubricant, water, and air levels in equipment; oil, grease, and adjust machinery and equipment as needed; make periodic inspections and perform tests to confirm equipment and controls are functioning properly; maintain consumption, production, and maintenance records; take oil samples for laboratory analysis; report defects immediately and recommend improvements, alterations and repairs; and clean floors, windows, tools, parts, and power plant equipment as needed or directed.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

Basic knowledge and experience with occupational hazards and corresponding safety precautions associated with working in an industrial/high voltage environment. Ability to establish and maintain productive working relationships with City of Unalaska staff, the public, vendors, and agencies; ability to learn rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and terminology used in power generation; ability to maintain professionalism; ability to learn and practice proper forklift operations. Must be able to read and understand drawings and illustrations. Ability to operate a motor vehicle; knowledge of electrical and pneumatic controls, knowledge of generator and switch-gear operations in a power generation and distribution facility; ability to learn and practice proper operation of boom truck; experience in electric power generation field; ability to complete minor maintenance and repairs to the powerhouse, powerhouse equipment, and machinery. Ability to detect operating defects of power generation equipment. Ability to keep records of daily activities, fuel and oil consumption kWh generated and general operating conditions. Basic knowledge of electrical fundamentals and electrical generating process. Ability to provide clear and effective communication, both oral and written, understand and follow instructions, and meet deadlines.

**EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE:**

High school diploma or equivalent required.  
Vocational training in diesel mechanics, and/or other applicable technical training preferred.  
One (1) year experience in electrical power generation or diesel mechanics preferred.  
High voltage rating or experience or journeyman level electrician preferred.

**LICENCES & SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Must have or ability to obtain Driver's License within 90 days of hire.  
Ability to pass all required pre-employment testing i.e. criminal background and work history and random drug testing.  
Must be eligible to work in the US; meet employment requirement by Federal Law; if hired, must complete employment eligibility verification form (I-9).  
Must be able to work rotating shifts.  
Ability to work occasional emergency and non-traditional hours.  
Ability to work in conditions that are inherent to an industrial environment with loud noise.  
Must be physically able to travel up a few flights of stairs and walk to inspect generators every 2 hours.  
Maintain active and current certifications and licensing for the duration of employment.

**BENEFITS:**

Up to \$5,000 Relocation Assistance if applicable.  
Travel allowance \$2,000 every year on date of hire after 1<sup>st</sup> year of employment.  
Medical and Dental premiums 100% employer paid (employee & dependents).  
Free Annual Membership of LifeMed (employee & dependents).  
Free Parks, Culture and Recreation Membership (employee only).  
Paid Time Off starting at 16 hours a month.  
9 paid Holidays and 3 Floating Holidays per year.  
Eligible for 457 Plans with ICMA- RC or Mutual of America and other Voluntary Benefits.  
Eligible for PERS Retirement (Public Employees Retirement System).  
Up to 100% Tuition Reimbursement (must be taken while employed; refer to Title III for details).

**TO APPLY:**

Submit a City of Unalaska Application. All necessary forms are available at City Hall, Administration Department at 907-581-1252, or by downloading at [www.ci.unalaska.ak.us](http://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us). Return completed form to City of Unalaska: Administration P.O Box 610, Unalaska, AK 99685 and/or emailing to [bhorne@ci.unalaska.ak.us](mailto:bhorne@ci.unalaska.ak.us) or by fax at 907-581-4469.

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