SUMMARY:
This apprentice position introduces previously unfamiliar personnel to the principles and practices associated with the operation and maintenance of gas transmission and distribution facilities. Additionally, the incumbent will be guided toward development of basic knowledge and necessary skills to safely assist skilled personnel in the performance of their duties. Duties requiring exposure to hazardous situations are performed under close supervision. This position requires response to 24-hour call as scheduled and as required in emergencies.

BASIC FUNCTIONS:
1. Assists in all phases of gas line and meter installation repair, inspection, and maintenance.
2. Digs and cuts excavations; services and lubricates valves.
3. Performs tasks required by this position as identified by CFR Part 192.801.
4. Assists in the investigation of leaks and other suspected malfunctions.
5. Distributes materials and tools from truck as required; drives truck.
6. Demonstrates safety in daily work practices.
7. Performs any miscellaneous duties as assigned including labor-intensive tasks related to system maintenance and/or operation.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:
1. Available to work 24-hour rotating call schedule, willingness to respond and assist when needed.
2. Employee shall become qualified within first 6 months of employment to perform tasks required by this position. Employee will be allowed two (2) attempts at each task to qualify during this period. Second failure will result in termination.
3. Suitable mechanical aptitude.
4. Physical capability to perform labor-intensive tasks.
5. Availability to work extra hours and assist in emergencies.
6. Maintain personal telephone service.
7. Valid Louisiana driver's license.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:
1. High school diploma or equivalent educational certification and one-year creditable work experience in a similar type position associated with general construction and suitable to demonstrate adequate mechanical aptitude is desirable.
2. Any equivalent combination education, training, and/or experience may substitute.