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## Training Stages for Electric Lineworkers

Known for their strength and agility, lineworkers are dedicated to ensuring our communities have reliable power. Safety is always top priority on the job, which is why lineworkers spend thousands of hours training as they advance their skills.

Here's a look at the career progression of a lineworker.

### 4 Crew Leader

A crew leader is an advanced position that requires supervising lineworkers on job sites, coordinating with contractors and directing daily activities for crews.

### 3 Journeyman Lineworker

Post-apprenticeship and with roughly 7,000+ hours of training under the belt, journeyman lineworkers are fully trained in their field. They repair, update and install overhead and underground power lines, as well as other electrical equipment.

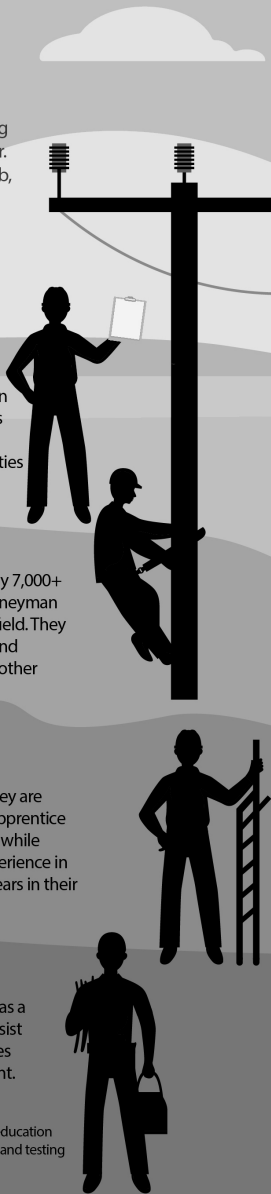
### 2 Apprentice Lineworker

Before reaching lineworker status, they are required to work as an apprentice. Apprentice lineworkers earn competitive wages while receiving hands-on training and experience in the field. They typically spend four years in their apprenticeship.

### 1 Groundperson/Linehelper

Many lineworkers begin their career as a groundperson, or linehelper. They assist line crews with tools, keeping job sites safe and operating smaller equipment.

Regardless of stage, all lineworkers continue education and training throughout their career. Training and testing requirements vary from utility to utility.



## MEMBER SERVICES

### ONLINE ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Visit [ClayElectric.com](http://ClayElectric.com) to access your account information:

- View current charges and account balance
- View past bill statements/account history
- Report a power outage or view status
- View energy usage and find ways to save
- Add an authorized user to view account
- Request Paperless Billing
- Sign up for automatic monthly payments

**IS SOLAR RIGHT?** — If you're considering a photovoltaic system for your home, make sure you take our free solar assessment first. Questions assess your residence and determine whether you can expect a return on your investment.

**ENERGY SMART REBATE PROGRAM** — Offers rebates for members who install additional insulation in their homes, or who install a high efficiency heat pump or solar water heating system.

**SURGEBLASTER** — High quality surge protection equipment at a low price.

**CO-OP CONNECTIONS CARD** — A national discount card program. It offers 10-60 percent discounts on prescription drugs at participating pharmacies, as well as special discounts and deals!

**TRADING POST** — One of the best places to shop and sell! It's exclusively for Clay Electric members, adding an extra layer of security. Place a for-sale ad that appears on the Clay Electric website or put an item in the Kilowatt magazine that's mailed to members bimonthly (or do both!)

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# Power Line

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## Energy surveys are free and could save you money

With April comes a modest increase in average high temperatures, which likely means your cooling system is starting to get a workout for the first time this year.

With the rising temps, don't overlook ways to maximize your comfort while minimizing your energy costs. A free energy survey from Clay Electric's Energy Services department provides you with an invaluable look at how energy is consumed within your home or business.

### Understanding the benefits

Clay's Energy Services team assess various factors, including insulation, air leaks, appliance efficiency and HVAC performance. By identifying areas of inefficiency, members can take targeted actions to optimize their energy usage and ultimately reduce their utility bills.

### Tailored recommendations

One of the most significant advantages of a free energy survey is the personalized recommendations provided based on the specific needs of the property. Whether it's sealing drafty windows, upgrading to energy-efficient appliances, or enhancing insulation, these recommendations are tailored to address the unique characteristics of each home or business.

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To learn about open opportunities at Clay Electric Cooperative, go to [clayelectric.com/employment](http://clayelectric.com/employment) and click "View Openings."

## Report from the manager

**Ricky Davis**

General Manager/CEO

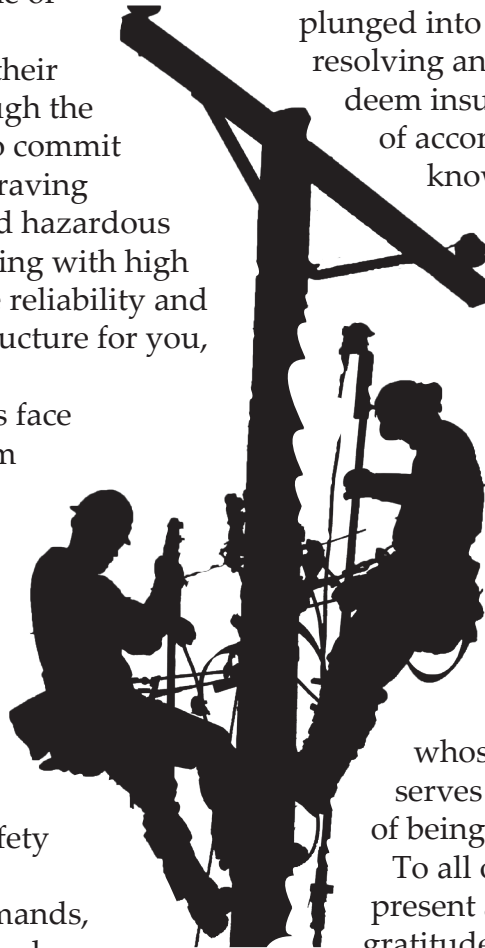


April 8th marks Lineworker Appreciation Day, a time when Clay Electric reflects on the invaluable contribution of lineworkers, who are truly the backbone of your cooperative.

Having once walked in their boots, I cannot stress enough the pride I have for those who commit to this noble profession, braving unpredictable weather and hazardous environments while working with high voltage lines to ensure the reliability and safety of electrical infrastructure for you, our members.

The dangers lineworkers face cannot be overstated. From working at extreme heights to navigating through storm-ravaged landscapes, every task carries inherent risks. The threat of electrocution, falls and other accidents looms, highlighting the importance of rigorous safety protocols.

Beyond the physical demands, lineworking requires a blend of skill, courage and resilience. Climbing poles, operating heavy machinery



and troubleshooting complex electrical systems demand precision and expertise. Despite the challenges, lineworkers approach each task with a sense of purpose and determination, knowing that their efforts keep the lights on for families and businesses.

That being said, lineworkers find fulfillment in their work, as they should. There is a profound sense of satisfaction that comes from restoring power to a community plunged into darkness by a storm or resolving an electrical issue that others may deem insurmountable. It is this sense of accomplishment, coupled with the knowledge that they are making a tangible difference in the lives of others, that fuels their passion for the job.

I appreciate our members' kind words of support — often shared throughout the year on social media — for Clay Electric's lineworkers, whose impact on our communities is immeasurable.

On April 8, I hope you all take a moment, as I will, to recognize the dedication and resilience of our lineworkers, whose unwavering commitment serves as a testament to the strength of being a cooperative.

To all of our lineworkers — past, present and future — I extend my gratitude and admiration. Thank you for all that you do.

## ENERGY SURVEYS

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This individualized approach ensures that members can make informed decisions that yield tangible results.

### Cost savings over time

By implementing the recommended energy-saving measures, members can enjoy reduced energy bills month after month. Over time, these savings can add up significantly, benefiting homeowners and businesses for years to come.

### How to get started

Members can reach out to Energy Services through the MyClayElectric app and submit an inquiry through "Contact Us," or head to [clayelectric.com/energy-surveys](https://clayelectric.com/energy-surveys).

During the survey, members are encouraged to ask questions and seek clarification on any recommendations provided. We're dedicated to empowering our members with the information and resources needed to make informed decisions about energy usage.

## Activate Usage Alerts and initiate savings

Turn on Usage Alerts via the MyClayElectric app to keep an eye on your electricity consumption and save on your monthly billing statement.

To set up Usage Alerts in the app, click on "more," then "settings," then "manage notifications" to get started.

To determine your daily high kWh, simply look at your previous statements. Setting a number slightly higher means you'll only receive an alert if your usage goes above the set threshold.