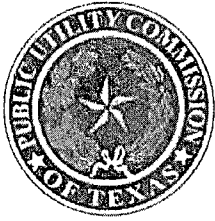


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**Employee Training Report
Required by 16 Texas Admin. Code § 25.97(d)**

PROJECT NO. 50595

AFFECTED ENTITY: Western Farmers Electric Cooperative

General Information

Pursuant to 16 Texas Admin. Code § 25.97(d)(2), not later than the 30th day after the date an affected entity finalizes a material change to a document or training program, the affected entity must submit an updated report. The first report must be submitted not later than May 1, 2020.

Instructions

Answer all questions, fill-in all blanks, and have the report notarized in the Affidavit.

Affidavit

A representative of the affected entity must swear to and affirm the truthfulness, correctness, and completeness of the information provided by attaching a signed and notarized copy of the Affidavit provided with this form.

Filing Instructions

Submit four copies (an original and three copies) of the completed form and signed and notarized Affidavit to:

Central Records Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326
Telephone: (512) 936-7180

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1. Provide a summary description of hazard recognition training documents you provide your employees related to overhead transmission and distribution facilities.

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative's training of transmission line maintenance personnel consists of an online Apprentice Training Program administered by Bismarck State College. WFEC also implements and tracks On The Job Training (OJT) for Apprentices over a 5 year period which consists of but is not limited to Overhead Construction, Conductors and Cables, Pole and Structure Identification, Line Trouble Shooting, Transmission Line Construction, Transmission Line Maintenance, Line Patrol, and Personal and Job Safety. The WFEC OJT Program requires 10,000 hours logged to complete the Apprentice training process.

WFEC also utilizes NESC and Lineman and Cableman's handbooks as training guides.

WFEC issues each crewman a copy of its WFEC/RUS Construction Specifications and Framing Drawings that is utilized for all Transmission lines. This guide requires NESC codes be followed except where local regulations or specifications requirements are more stringent, in which case the more stringent requirement governs.

2. Provide a summary description of training programs you provide your employees related to the National Electrical Safety Code for construction of electric transmission and distribution lines.

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For the design of transmission lines, WFEC utilizes the latest NESC code, PLS_CADD model, and RUS design manual requirements. To determine design clearances, WFEC compares the RUS design manual against NESC code and uses the larger clearance requirement.

WFEC maintains PLS_CADD licenses and ensures updates to the program occur regularly. These program updates incorporate the latest NESC code updates. PLS_CADD is an industry-recognized transmission line design software used to ensure clearances and design loads meet applicable codes. WFEC Engineers are provided PLS_CADD training.

WFEC will follow guidelines that require subsequent reports to be filed within 30 days of the utility changing its training programs. WFEC will seek more information on Hazard Recognition Training to further compliance.

AFFIDAVIT

I swear or affirm that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this report or am relying on people with personal knowledge, that I am competent to testify to them, and that I have the authority to submit this report on behalf of the affected entity. I further swear or affirm that all statements made in this report are true, correct, and complete.

Forrest Brock
Signature

Forrest Brock
Printed Name

Manager, Transmission & Distribution Services
Job Title

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
Name of Affected Entity

Sworn and subscribed before me this 22 day of JUNE, 2020
Month Year

[Signature]
Notary Public in and For the State of OKLAHOMA

My commission expires _____.

