The City of Los Angeles seeks to employ well-qualified individuals who have an interest in working as an Electric Station Operator within the Department of Water and Power. All entry-level Electric Station Operator positions are temporary training positions as defined in Civil Service Rule 5.30. The exceptional and intense training program provides the Electrical Station Operator with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their duties professionally and safely. Various job locations, such as the City of Los Angeles, the Owens Valley area, Castaic, Adelanto, and Nevada, provide unparalleled opportunities to find a location and work schedule to meet your personal needs.

Often, while candidates are attracted to the positive aspects of the job, the candidate may ignore some of the less appealing features. We feel it is important for candidates to have a clear understanding of the job so they can decide if this is a career they have an interest in doing and the ability to do well.

The job factors listed below are realistic features of the Electric Station Operator position, both favorable and less appealing. We strongly suggest you consider these factors to determine if this position fits your career goals.

- All trainees must successfully complete an intensive 24-month on-the-job training program that includes classroom, simulator, and hands-on training.
- Electric Station Operators enter and work in areas with limited accessibility, enclosed cable chutes with limited mobility, in underground facilities, in multi-story stations accessible only by stairs, and climb and work from tall ladders or equipment, or from steel supporting structures.
- Electric Station Operators perform work in facilities that contain known hazardous materials and substances such as asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), oils, and solvents.
- Electric Station Operators work various shifts to support a 24/7 operation, including weekends, holidays, as well as being on-call during non-working hours, and may be required to work overtime.
- Electric Station Operators are subject to reassignment to various work locations throughout the City as well as facilities in outlying areas to meet Department staffing needs.
- Electric Station Operators understand the inherent dangers and hazards associated with working in electrical substations and around energized high voltage circuits and equipment. The possibility of injury or death due to electrocution, explosion, and/or fire is present at all times.
- Candidates must pass a color perception test prior to appointment.
- Electric Station Operators lift, pull, and carry heavy objects; erect and climb long ladders up to 40 feet high. They must have sufficient body strength to provide the required torque for operating disconnecting equipment; operate heavy equipment using long poles; and handle and use high pressure fire hoses to wash high voltage equipment.
- Electric Station Operators clean high voltage equipment using high-pressure fire hoses to wash electrical equipment energized at up to 35,000 volts; high voltage gloves and special tools to clean electrical equipment energized at up to 5,000 volts.
- Electric Station Operators often work alone in high voltage facilities.
- Electric Station Operators read, prepare, and maintain logs/records, analyze emergency situations and plan a course of action, coordinate activity of multiple work crews, monitor and control all plant equipment, use computers to perform vital functions, check meters, read and interpret station prints, equipment manuals, diagrams, and instruments.
- Electric Station Operators wear a full- or half-face respirator masks when working in environments where they are required.
- A valid and unrestricted California Driver's License may be required prior to appointment and a suspended or revoked driver's license may result in termination as an Electric Station Operator.

We welcome you to continue your efforts to become an Electric Station Operator if these working conditions meet your personal and career goals.