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February 26, 2008

Jane Roberts  
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Re: Maintenance of power poles

Dear Ms. Roberts:

You have asked for a determination of the appropriate work classification to be used for the inspection, maintenance, and treatment of existing wood power poles.

The answer below is based on the information you provided. References to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) are included. Again, this answer is based on your fact set. If the facts differ from those you provided, the answers may be different.

The necessary information for your answer is adopted as rule in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296-127-01320, Power Line Construction Electricians. The rule reads, in part, “[f]or the purpose of the Washington state public works law, chapter [39.12](#) RCW, power line construction electricians **erect, maintain and repair transmission poles (whether built of wood, metal or other material)**...” (emphasis added).

The correct classification for workers performing your maintenance and treatment work on wood power poles is the Power Line Construction Electrician.

I hope this answers your questions. If you need additional information or have questions, please call or e mail me at 360 902-5330 or [somd235@lni.wa.gov](mailto:somd235@lni.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

David J. Soma  
Industrial Statistician  
Prevailing Wage Program Manager

**Herman, Laura E (LNI)**

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**From:** Roberts, Jane [JGRoberts@snopud.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2008 5:06 PM  
**To:** Herman, Laura E (LNI)  
**Cc:** Saksena, Dean; Milne, Gregg; Tobin, Betty; Stainer, Kelly; Spence, Judy; Howard, Michael; Roberts, David; Miller, Buzz; McClatchey, Erin; Hendricks, Tom; Holcomb, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: 2008-09 Remedial Treatment of In-Service Wood Poles - Specification and Special Provision Sheet  
**Attachments:** Specifications.doc; Special Provisions.doc

Dear Laura,

This message is a follow-up to our telephone conversation regarding the correct prevailing wage category for the application of remedial preservative treatments for in-service wood poles that support the District's electrical system rated at 115kV and below. Attached are the Specification and Special Provision Sheet which describe the scope of work in detail.

In my research of the L&I Prevailing Wage website, I found approved Intents and Affidavits during the last year for pole inspection and treatment projects, in which the "Trade" was Telephone Line Construction – Outside and the "Occupation" was Hole Digger/Ground Person and Journey Level Telephone Lineperson. Also, the District has received approved Intents and Affidavits with the "Trade" being Telephone Line Construction – Outside and the "Occupation", Special Apparatus Installer II and Hole Digger/Ground Person.

We would like to discuss this matter with you after you have had an opportunity to read the attached documents. I would appreciate hearing back from you next week and then I will schedule a telephone conference with District staff, including our Safety Manager and the Project Leader.

Thank you,

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3/31/2008

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
EVERETT, WASHINGTON**

SPECIAL PROVISION SHEET

TO: STANDARD SPECIFICATION NO. 2482 FOR REMEDIAL  
TREATMENT OF IN-SERVICE WOOD POLES

PROJECT TITLE: **PWC - 2008-2009 REMEDIAL TREATMENT OF  
IN-SERVICE WOOD POLES**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

This Special Provision Sheet is by this reference incorporated into DISTRICT Specification No. 2482 (the "Specification"). Where the terms and conditions of this Special Provision Sheet and the Specification conflict, the terms and conditions of this Special Provision Sheet shall prevail.

1.0 SCOPE OF WORK

This contract work consists of the application of wood pole remedial preservative treatments, as specified under this contract, for approximately 20,000 in-service wood poles that support the District's Electrical System rated at 115KV and below.

The location of the work to be performed is within the boundaries of the DISTRICT'S service area, which includes all of Snohomish County (except Hat Island) and the Camano Island portion of Island County, in Snohomish County, WA, as more specifically identified by Exhibit "C", 2008 - 2009 Wood Pole Remedial Treatment Areas, of this Special Provision Sheet.

2.0 PROJECT LEADER

The name and address of the DISTRICT'S Project Leader for this project is:

Name: Tom Hendricks, P.E.  
Title: Engineer  
Address: Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County  
1802 - 75th Street S.W..  
P.O. Box 1107  
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## SPECIAL PROVISION SHEET (continued)

### 3.0 ELECTRONIC TREATMENT RECORDS

The CONTRACTOR shall provide the DISTRICT pole treatment data in an electronic database. The data to be provided shall be as specified in Exhibit "D", Electronic Data Collection Requirements, of this Special Provisions Sheet. The DISTRICT shall provide the CONTRACTOR a Microsoft Access database table populated with the DISTRICT'S pole data and all data fields to be populated by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall deliver the electronic database complete with treatment data to the DISTRICT'S Project Leader at regular intervals, consistent with invoice submittals. The CONTRACTOR shall supply a dedicated and secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site for transfer of all electronic databases to and from the DISTRICT.

### 4.0 QUALITY CONTROL

The CONTRACTOR shall conduct regular quality control inspections during the course of work under this contract and maintain quality control inspection records. The CONTRACTOR shall provide the DISTRICT with copies of quality control records at the request of the DISTRICT'S Project Leader.

### 5.0 TIME OF COMPLETION

The Bidder agrees, if awarded the contract, to complete treatments to approximately 10,000 poles by December 31, 2008, and to fully complete all work under this contract by December 18, 2009.

### 6.0 SUPERINTENDENCE AND SUPERVISION

The CONTRACTOR shall, during the progress of this contract, maintain a competent superintendent and any necessary assistants at the worksite. The CONTRACTOR shall inform the DISTRICT in writing of the name, business address and telephone number of such superintendent. The superintendent shall not be changed except with the consent of the DISTRICT, unless the superintendent proves to be unsatisfactory to the CONTRACTOR and ceases to be in the CONTRACTOR'S employ. In such case, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the DISTRICT of the new superintendent. The CONTRACTOR shall, if requested to do so by the DISTRICT, remove any superintendent or assistants whom the DISTRICT determines to be incompetent, dishonest, careless, negligent, uncooperative or unsatisfactory. Failure to comply with such request shall be sufficient grounds for termination of the contract.

## SPECIAL PROVISION SHEET (continued)

### 6.0 SUPERINTENDENCE AND SUPERVISION (continued)

Such superintendent shall be present or represented by a Designee at the site of the work at all times during the progress of the contract, and shall have authority to make binding and enforceable decisions on behalf of the CONTRACTOR. All requirements, instructions and other communications given to the authorized superintendent by the DISTRICT shall be binding as if given to the CONTRACTOR, and shall be confirmed in writing by the DISTRICT upon the CONTRACTOR'S request.

### 7.0 REPORT OF ALL ACCIDENTS, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND UNAPPROVED OUTAGES

The CONTRACTOR shall provide the DISTRICT with a formal report of all accidents, property damage and/or unapproved outages that occurred during the course of performing the work under this contract. The report shall identify what occurred and what appropriate steps have been and will be taken to prevent future occurrence.

### 8.0 TERO TAX

The Tulalip Tribes of Washington TERO tax as detailed in Section 10.12 of the Specification is required for a portion of this contract.

### 9.0 BNSF REQUIREMENTS

The CONTRACTOR and its employees shall comply with the applicable Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) requirements and shall obtain their railroad safety course certification including their photo identification badge before performing work on BNSF property if required for this contract. The wallet-sized safety course completion card and the BNSF photo identification badge shall be in each employee's possession at all times while performing work on BNSF property.

The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all costs associated with obtaining certification from BNSF. All necessary information for completing the safety course and obtaining a badge can be obtained on-line at <http://www.contractororientation.com/>