

Job Opening!

Utility Forester

Great River Energy

Elk River, MN

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These are some recent quotes by our employees about Great River Energy. We're proud of that because, more than power, we're about people. Here you will find a work environment that's rewarding, challenging, and exciting. As a cooperative-owned generation and transmission company, we are Minnesota's second largest utility based on generating capacity.

Currently we have an immediate opening for a Utility Forester. Although Elk River, MN is preferred, the position can be based in the northern half of Minnesota. Responsibilities include assisting in developing and implementing a Vegetation Management (VM), Pole Inspection and Aerial Patrol Programs. This position also provides coordination, direction and inspection of VM contractor activities performed during maintenance or construction of transmission lines, substations, communication sites and other GRE facilities.

The successful candidate will have an Associate Degree in Forestry, Biology or Botany, and a minimum of two years of experience in Utility Vegetation Management. An ability to identify local tree species and growth rates, a working knowledge of computers and GIS systems and excellent communication/public relations skills are also needed. Required certifications and licenses include: ISA Arborist Certification and ISA Utility Specialist Certification (within 6 months), a MN Pesticide Applicators' License (within 12 months), Tree Inspector Certification and Electrical Hazard Awareness Training. Working conditions include significant time driving and presence in the field, as well as walking and/or driving 4x4's, snowmobiles, etc. in remote areas; working nights, weekends, holidays and in inclement weather; and occasionally lifting up to 50 pounds.

Starting salary and benefits are very competitive. If you have the required background, and if this is the type of company and position that you have been seeking, please mail, fax, or e-mail your resume by **Wednesday, May 5th** to: Human Resources, **Job #935**, Great River Energy, 12300 Elm Creek Blvd., Maple Grove, MN 55369-4718. **Fax:** 763-445-5085. **E-mail:** Careers@GREnergy.com, **Website:** www.greatriverenergy.com

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