

Position Title: Network Engineer (Oneonta, AL)	Department: Engineering
Reports To: ISP Engineering Manager	FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

General Summary:

The Network Engineer is responsible for projects and tasks related to the transport and central office engineering. This position includes responsibility for design, and planning for maintenance, improvements, capacity, and upgrades for the relevant systems. The Network Engineer is responsible for executing projects to augment and enhance the network. Travel to OTELCO properties in other states is required.

The Network Engineering team is responsible for designing, planning, and operating complex network and voice systems to ensure optimal efficiency and cost-effectiveness through utilization of industry-best practices.

Essential Job Functions:

- Plans, designs, and coordinates complex network augments and rearrangements to the existing network.
- Responsible for maintaining spares inventory, network redundancy and sufficient capacity in transport and access network systems
- Responsible for working on central office facilities, utilities, infrastructure, and related systems
- Provide technical assistance and support to other teams for major systems improvements.
- Mentor coworkers in new technology
- Responsible for network availability, capacity planning and reporting
- Manage customer issues by setting expectations and meeting/exceeding those expectations to achieve the highest level of customer satisfaction
- Create detailed engineering plans and drawings for transport/access networks and peripheral 3rd party touch points for Central Office, Hut and Cabinet environments.
- Interpret general network diagrams and site survey information to determine placement of new equipment, parts required for installation, cables type and connections, power equipment needs.
- Create engineering work packages including scope of work, material lists, provisioning details, installation details, network diagrams and installation notes.
- Participate in safety program and in ongoing development of company-wide policy.
- Responsible for performing central office installation and repair work.
- Work with customers with complex services, troubleshooting, and interoperability testing.
- Participate in an on-call rotation
- Must be able to work off shift hours.
- Performs all other related duties as assigned by management.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge of rural and competitive telephone operations and subscriber services preferred.

- Experience with central office installation, maintenance, and repair work, DC power systems, SONET network systems, DSL, and Fiber Access equipment, and DWDM, OTN, and Carrier Ethernet technologies
- Experience with design, planning, documentation and maintenance of fiber and coaxial plant
- Working knowledge of Ethernet, IP, FTTx, ATM, xDSL, T1/T3 or GR-303 required
- Strong understanding of various engineering practices and procedures required.
- Optical network installation and implementation experience required.
- Knowledge of current architectures being deployed Metro Ethernet, GPON, DWDM
- Knowledge of Linux systems
- Strong knowledge of Adtran/Calix access and transport systems a plus
- Knowledge of Adtran Total Access 5000 DSLAMs in a Central Office and Remote Cabinet environment.
- Knowledge of Arris C4 or comparable CMTS systems.
- Knowledge of IPTV.
- Knowledge of AC and DC voltages in a Central Office environment.
- Knowledge of architecting networks
- Knowledge of industry standards and best common procedures
- Problem solving and network troubleshooting skills
- Ability to communicate with customers, co-workers, and various business contacts in a professional and courteous manner.
- Ability to follow written and oral instructions.
- Ability to pay close attention to detail and schedules.
- Ability to effectively function as a team player.
- Ability to work nights and weekends when required
- Travel throughout Alabama offices frequently required
- Must have a valid driver's license.

Education and Experience:

Education: 2- or 4-year technical degree preferred, high school diploma required.
CCNA, Ciena, or Nokia certification is desired

Experience: Minimum of five years of relevant technical experience.

Physical Requirements:

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS	0-24%	25-49%	50-74%	75-100%
Seeing: Must be able to read computer screen and various reports.				X
Hearing: Must be able to hear well enough to communicate with employees and business contacts.				X
Standing/Walking:		X		
Climbing/Stooping/Kneeling:		X		
Lifting/Pulling/Pushing:		X		
Fingering/Grasping/Feeling: Must be able to write, type, and use phone system.				X

Working Conditions:

This factor measures the surroundings or physical conditions under which a job must be done and the extent to which those conditions make the job disagreeable. Consider the presence and relative amount of exposure to dust, dirt, heat, fumes, contaminants, cold, noise, vibration, wetness, etc.

Typical office environment the majority of time: exposure to outside conditions as necessary to support network recovery efforts.

Note: The statements herein are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by employees and are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of responsibilities, duties and skills required of personnel so classified. Furthermore, they do not establish a contract for employment and are subject to change at the discretion of the employer.

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