

Hessler Completes Apprenticeship, Earns Journey Status

Ellsworth, Wis. [February 9, 2016] – Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services employee, Jordan Hessler, recently graduated from a four-year indentured lineworker apprentice program offered through Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire.

Hessler was one of 19 apprentices from utilities around Wisconsin who completed the apprenticeship program and received certificates on January 26, 2016, at the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin/Rural Electric Cooperatives Joint Superintendent's Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

President and CEO Larry Dokkestul and Brad Ristow, vice president, electric operations, attended the graduation ceremony.

The Electrical Lineworker Apprenticeship Program consists of four years of not less than 8,000 hours in which a minimum of 640 hours is spent in paid-related instruction. As an apprentice, Hessler completed this training to achieve his status as a journey electrical lineworker.

"We're proud to have Jordan complete his apprenticeship," said Ristow. "The training and knowledge he has received since joining Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services will help him perform highly skilled work on our electric distribution system."

Hessler joined the cooperative September 1, 2011, and has been working as a journey lineworker since September 2015, when he completed the apprenticeship requirements. Congratulations, Jordan!

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