

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

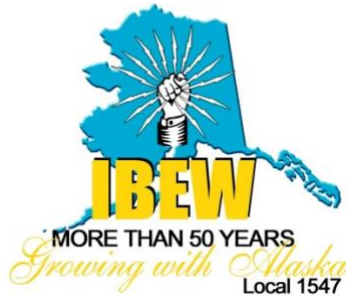
between

PETERSBURG BOROUGH



and

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL
WORKERS LOCAL 1547,
AFL-CIO**



July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024

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INTRODUCTION

With the goal of having an agreement that is fair to the employees, to the Borough as the employer, and to the public, the Borough and Local 1547 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, hereinafter referred to as the "Union," or the "IBEW", do enter into, establish and agree to the following conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 1 **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

1.1 This Agreement shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2021 and shall continue in full force and effect through and including 11:59 p.m., June 30, 2024 and shall continue in full force and effect from year to year thereafter unless notice of desire to amend this Agreement is served by either party upon the other at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of expiration. If notice to amend is given, negotiations shall commence within thirty (30) days following the date of the notice. This Agreement shall remain in effect until the terms of a new or amended Agreement are agreed upon, provided, however, that if a notice to amend is timely given, either party may at any time thereafter notify the other in writing of its desire to terminate this Agreement as of a date stated in such notice to terminate. The stated date shall not be earlier than the date of expiration, and shall be at least ten (10) days subsequent to the giving of such notice to terminate.

ARTICLE 2 **RECOGNITION**

2.1 The Borough recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for employees in the Electric Utility Department. This Agreement shall cover all full-time, part-time and seasonal employees of the Borough in the job classifications set forth in Appendix A.

ARTICLE 3 **UNION MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 All employees of the Borough coming within the classifications covered by this Agreement who are not already Union members may make application to join the Union.

- A. A Union representative or shop steward will be allowed to meet with all newly hired bargaining unit employees, without charge to the pay or leave time of the employees, for a minimum of 60 minutes, within 7 calendar days from the date of hire, in a new employee orientation.

- B. The Employer agrees that it will not make recommendations to employees regarding membership in or payment of dues to the Union, including whether to join, to resign or relinquish membership in the Union or to revoke authorization of the deduction of fees to the Union. Questions regarding union membership and dues payments will be directed to the Union.

- C. The Employer agrees that it will not disclose home addresses, personal telephone number(s), personal cell phone number(s), or personal e-mail address(es) of any employees except to the Union unless required by law.

- D. Nothing in this agreement is intended to address the rights of the Union to establish policies under which a nonmember is denied Union representation or charged for the cost of a grievance and/or arbitration filed at the request of the nonmember.

3.2 These provisions shall not be construed as denying the Borough the right to select its employees regardless of whether such employees are members of the Union.

3.3 Management agrees the Union reserves the right to discipline its members for any violation of any of the union's laws, rules or agreements.

3.4 The Borough shall deduct from wages of employees covered by this Agreement and pay over to the proper officers of the Union the membership dues or equivalent fees for those employees who individually and voluntarily authorize such deductions in writing.

3.5 The Borough will not be held liable for check-off errors, but will make proper adjustment with the Union for errors as soon as possible.

3.6 The Borough shall furnish space for a Union bulletin board for the use of the Union in posting officially signed Union business.

3.7 Based on a vote by the bargaining unit, the Business Representative may appoint a steward and so notify the Borough as to his or her name and specific duties. No other employee or member of the Union outside of the Business Manager, Business Representative and his or her appointed steward shall represent the Union.

3.8 The authorized representative of the Union shall be granted access to any shop or job at any reasonable time during working hours provided that he or she shall not conduct himself or herself in a manner detrimental to the interest of the Borough and provided he or she shall make his or her presence known to the Utility Director.

3.9 IHBF: If a majority of Bargaining Unit Employees working under the Petersburg Borough Collective Bargaining Agreement elect to participate in the IBEW Hardship and Benevolent Fund, the Employer shall, beginning the first pay period following notice of the election, deduct and forward to the IHBF five cents (\$0.05) per compensable hour of each bargaining unit employee. Such funds shall be forwarded in the same manner and form as other contributions are submitted by the Employer.

3.10 The Union will hold the Borough harmless for its decisions regarding all dues deductions.

ARTICLE 4 **NO STRIKE - NO LOCKOUT**

4.1 It being understood that the services performed by the employees covered by this Agreement are essential to the operation of the public utility and to the welfare of the public dependent thereon, the Union agrees that there shall be no strike or other concerted cessation of work by the Union or its members. The Borough agrees that there shall be no lockout of the Union or its members, except in the case of a willful or deliberate violation of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 5 **GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION**

5.1 Any grievance, defined as an alleged breach of this Agreement raised during its term, shall be handled in the following manner, each step to be taken only if a satisfactory adjustment cannot be obtained on the previous step within ten (10) calendar days:

- (a) Step One: The aggrieved employee, with or without the Shop Steward, will discuss the grievance with the employee's immediate supervisor, within twelve (12) calendar days after the grievance arose.
- (b) Step Two: The grievance shall be reduced to writing and be filed by the Shop Steward or Union Representative with the Utility Director.
- (c) Step Three: The grievance shall be submitted to the Borough Manager by the Union Business Representative.

5.2 Any Grievance not filed according to the procedures described in the foregoing Section shall be deemed to have been waived and shall not be entitled to further consideration. The Borough shall respond in writing at Steps 2 and 3 of the grievance procedure within ten (10) calendar days. The time limits set forth in each step of the Grievance Procedure may be extended by mutual consent of the parties hereto.

5.3 If not settled, the Union may submit the grievance to final and binding arbitration within ten (10) calendar days following receipt of the Borough Manager's response. Within ten (10) calendar days of the notification, the Borough and the Union shall attempt to agree on an arbitrator. If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator, the Union shall within ten (10) calendar days after failure to agree and no later than sixteen (16) calendar days following the Borough's receipt of the notice of appeal to arbitration, request the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service to supply a list of seven (7) qualified arbitrators and the parties shall alternately strike names from such list until the name of one (1) arbitrator remains who shall be the Arbitrator. The party to strike the first name shall be determined by coin toss. The Arbitrator shall be notified immediately of his or her selection by letter from the Borough and the Union requesting that a time and place for a hearing be set as soon as possible. The Arbitrator's award shall be final and binding, subject to the limits of authority stated below. The parties shall use their best efforts to minimize the costs.

5.4 The Arbitrator's function is to interpret the Agreement. The Arbitrator shall consider only the particular issue presented in writing by the Borough and the Union. The Arbitrator shall have no authority or power to add to, delete from, disregard, or alter any of the provisions of this Agreement, but shall be authorized only to interpret the existing provisions of this Agreement as they may apply to the specific facts of the issue in dispute. The Arbitrator shall not decide on the merit or wisdom of any action or failure to act, but only on the contractual obligation inherent in this Agreement. If the Arbitrator should find that the Borough was not prohibited by this Agreement from taking, or not taking, the action grieved, he or she shall have no authority to change or restrict the Borough's action or inaction or to substitute his or her own judgment for that of the Borough. Unless a specific provision of this Agreement expressly grants the Union or employees a right, privilege, or benefit claimed by it or them, the Arbitrator shall not award any such right, privilege or benefit to the Union or employees.

5.5 Any dispute as to procedure shall be heard and decided by the Arbitrator in a separate proceeding prior to any hearing on the merits. Any dismissal of a grievance by the Arbitrator, whether on the merits or on procedural grounds, shall bar any further arbitration. Each party shall bear one-half (1/2) of the fee of the Arbitrator and any other expense jointly incurred by mutual agreement incidental to the arbitration hearing. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them, and neither party shall be responsible for the expenses of witnesses called by the other party, except that witnesses who are employees of the Employer shall be paid by the Employer for normal working time spent testifying at the hearing.

5.6 Due to the limited work force, procedures described in this Article involving employees of the Borough will be conducted outside of regular working hours when possible.

ARTICLE 6
SUBCONTRACTING

6.1 The Borough shall have the right to subcontract work covered by this Agreement to persons, firms or corporations who must be in compliance with Alaska State laws. No regular full-time employee shall be laid off or have his or her hours reduced as a result of subcontracting.

6.2 In the event of the sale or lease of the Borough electric utility, or a merger or consolidation with another company, utility, or authority, the Borough will provide sixty (60) days advance notice to the Union. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding on any and all successors and assigns of the Borough, whether by sale, transfer, merger, acquisition, consolidation or otherwise.

ARTICLE 7
SENIORITY, HIRING, PROMOTION, LAYOFF, AND DISCHARGE

7.1 Seniority as used herein shall mean the length of service in continuous employment for the Borough. Employees shall not accumulate seniority during their probationary employment. After an employee has completed his or her probationary period and transferred to regular status, his or her seniority shall be dated from the date of his or her employment.

- (a) Unless prohibited by another employment agreement an employee shall not lose seniority when transferring to another department within the Petersburg Borough.

7.2 The seniority of an employee shall terminate under any of the following conditions:

- (a) When laid off for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months;
- (b) When an employee resigns from employment with the Borough;
- (c) When an employee is discharged for just cause; or
- (d) When an employee temporarily laid off fails to return to work within ten (10) working days after written notice (by registered mail to his or her last known address or delivered to him or her personally) requesting such return and, if such employee fails to notify the Borough of his or her intention to return to work within forty-eight (48) hours after receiving such notification.

7.3 In the selection of shifts and vacations, seniority shall be given full consideration insofar as practical in the best interest of service.

7.4 In making temporary and permanent appointments and promotions, seniority shall be given full consideration; and where required skills and abilities are equal, seniority shall prevail.

7.5 Notices of vacancies in positions covered by this Agreement shall be posted for five (5) days on a previously designated bulletin board in advance of permanently filling the position in order to afford presently employed Borough employees the first opportunity to apply; copies of said notices are to be provided to the Union's shop steward and the Union Business Representative. If qualified employees apply during the in-house five (5) day filing period, they will be considered by the employer.

7.6 Any employee who is promoted shall be given a reasonable period of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, to acquaint himself or herself with the job and prove his or her ability to fill the job satisfactorily. Should the employee during such trial period prove unsatisfactory for the job to which he or she has been promoted, he or she shall be returned to his or her former job without loss of seniority. This section shall not apply to terminations for cause.

7.7 Should it be necessary to lay off any regular employees because of justifiable reasons, the Borough shall give the employees affected notice in writing four (4) weeks in advance, or in lieu of such notice four (4) weeks pay at the employee's regular rate of pay at the time of such layoff.

- (a) Any layoffs shall be made in the inverse order of seniority provided required skills and abilities are equal within the same job classification.
- (b) If, thereafter, a vacancy occurs, seniority and required skills and abilities shall be considered when filling such vacancy.

- 7.8
- (a) No regular (non-probationary) employee shall be disciplined without just cause. The Borough will follow the principle of progressive discipline.
 - (b) Upon written request to the Manager, an employee may request any disciplinary action to be removed from their personnel file. The Borough Manager may remove any disciplinary action.
 - (c) Where substance abuse is suspected, the procedure in the current Employee Policy Manual shall apply. If the Borough desires to change the Drug and Alcohol Policy the Borough will give notice of the change to the Union and upon request will negotiate the mandatory aspects of the changes.

ARTICLE 8
CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES

- 8.1 Employees shall be classified as regular, seasonal and temporary employees.
- (a) The regular classification is used when the position is part of the regular complement needed for performing Borough services and the employee has successfully completed his or her probationary period in the position. Regular positions may be:
- (1) Full Time: Where work involves forty (40) hours a week or more on a regular basis.
 - (2) Part Time: Where the work involved is to be done during a portion of a work day or work week and totals less than forty (40) hours a week on a regular basis. Part-time employees shall receive benefits on a pro rata basis according to the number of hours worked to the extent they are eligible to receive such benefits.
 - (3) Seasonal: Where the work is assigned on a seasonal basis. Seasonal employees shall receive benefits on a pro rata basis according to the period in which they are working to the extent they are eligible to receive such benefits.
- (b) Unless agreed to otherwise, the Borough may employ temporary employees to work a limited period of time, not to exceed six (6) months, to augment employees or to relieve employees during periods of vacation, sick leave, or for a specific project of limited duration.
- (1) Temporary employees shall not receive any fringe benefits, seniority or other benefits except as required by law.
 - (2) A temporary employee may be separated from the service, demoted, or suspended without cause at the discretion of the Borough.
 - (3) A temporary employee who is hired without a break in service to an established position of the same classification as his or her temporary employment shall have time served as a temporary employee counted toward the employee's six (6) month probationary period.

(c) Job Sharing:

Definition: Job sharing is defined as splitting hours of work for a regular full-time position to accommodate two (2) employees. Benefits for employees participating in job sharing will be prorated according to the number of hours worked.

When one of the job sharers is on leave of absence or terminates employment, the other participant will have the option of filling the position in a full-time capacity. During temporary short-term absences for vacation or sick leave of one of the job sharers, the other participant shall cover hours of work for the other participant as necessary. If either of the job sharers is required to attend meetings after normal business hours of the Borough, the employee will be compensated at the regular rate unless the contract requires otherwise.

8.2 All new employees with the exception of temporary employees shall be considered employed on a probationary basis and classified as such for the first six (6) months of employment. During the probationary period, a new employee may be terminated without cause at the full discretion of the Borough. If retained after six (6) months, such employees shall thereafter be considered regular employees, classified as such and be entitled to all rights and privileges contained in this Agreement retroactive to their first date of hire as a probationary employee.

8.3 Notification of all newly hired employees shall be given to the Union.

ARTICLE 9
PAID TIME OFF

9.1 All employees covered by this Agreement hired on or after July 1, 2015 will accrue paid time off (PTO) at the following rate:

<u>Length of Continuous Service</u>	<u>Paid Time Off (PTO) Accrued Annually</u>	<u>Amount Accrued Per Pay Period</u>
1 st and 2 nd years (0-24 months)	24 days	8 hours
3 rd through 4 th year (25-48 months)	27 days	9 hours
5 th through 9 th year (49-108 months)	31 days	10 hours
10 th through 14 th year (109-168 months)	35 days	11.6667 hours
15 th year & up (169+ months)	40 days	13.3333 hours

9.2 All employees covered by this Agreement before July 1, 2015 will continue to accrue paid time off (PTO) at the following rates:

(a)

<u>Length of Continuous Service</u>	<u>Paid Time Off (PTO) Accrued Annually</u>	<u>Amount Accrued Per Pay Period</u>
1 st and 2 nd years (0-24 months)	24 days	8 hours
3 rd through 5 th year (25-60 months)	30 days	10 hours
6 th through 9 th year (61-108 months)	36 days	12 hours
Beginning 10 th year (109+ months)	42 days	14 hours

(b) Employees who have begun their 10th year of employment prior to January 1, 2013 shall accrue PTO at a rate of 45 days per year (15 hours per pay period).

9.3 An employee may accumulate not to exceed eighty (80) days of PTO as of the end of any calendar year. For this section 80 days is defined as eight-hour days for a total of six hundred forty (640) hours.

9.4 Employees must take at least ten (10) days of PTO each year. PTO shall be taken at a mutually agreeable time and shall be paid at the current rate of pay.

9.5. Employees may sell up to nineteen (19) days of PTO in any calendar year. For this section 19 days is defined as eight-hour days for a total of one hundred fifty-two (152) hours.

9.6 When a holiday falls when an employee is on PTO the employee shall be paid for the holiday without a deduction from accrued PTO.

9.7 PTO may be postponed in a case of emergency upon the mutual agreement of the Borough and the employee. The Borough will reimburse the affected employee(s) for any nonrefundable expenses related to the postponed PTO as long as the Borough is informed of the expenses in advance and agrees to pay them. The affected employee(s) will provide proof of the nonrefundable expenses to the Utility Director for reimbursement. Emergency is defined when unusual conditions exist that endanger life or property.

9.8 Seniority shall be given consideration in the selection of PTO time and duration when practical and approved by the Utility Director.

9.9 In cases of emergency or hardship suffered by an employee, fellow employees shall be allowed to transfer accrued PTO to any afflicted employee of the Borough.

9.10 The Borough reserves the right to require that bona fide sickness be supported by a doctor's certificate.

9.11 Upon retirement or termination of employment, employees shall be paid 100% of accrued but unused PTO.

9.12 Employees shall be eligible for PTO benefits from date of hire.

ARTICLE 10 **LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

10.1 A Labor-Management Committee, consisting of an equal number of representatives from management and representatives from the bargaining unit will meet during working hours no less than quarterly or as mutually agreed. The primary activities of this committee will include: contract interpretation, pre-grievance discussions of operating problems, method improvement, public relations and other mutually agreed topics.

10.2 The Committee will not have the authority to alter the meaning or cost application of the Collective Bargaining Agreement nor will it act as a grievance committee once a grievance has been filed. The chair shall rotate between the Employer and the Union, alternately, at each meeting.

ARTICLE 11 **HOLIDAYS**

11.1 All regular employees covered by this Agreement shall have eleven (11) holidays per year to be observed on the following days:

(a) New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Third Monday in January
Washington's Birthday	Third Monday in February
Seward's Day	Last Monday in March
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Alaska Day	October 18
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Eve Day ½ Day	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25

And any holiday proclaimed by the Mayor of Petersburg or Governor of Alaska.

- (b) Employees will be paid holiday pay at their straight time rate for all hours they would normally have been scheduled to work on that day,
- (c) Holidays falling on Saturday shall be taken on the preceding Friday; those falling on a Sunday shall be taken on the following Monday.
- (d) Work performed on a holiday shall be compensated at the overtime rate in addition to the regular day's holiday pay.
- (e) In addition to the holidays granted above, all regular employees shall receive one (1) floating holiday per calendar year, prorated for the year based on the date of hire, to be taken at a time approved by the employee's immediate supervisor in writing.

ARTICLE 12
WORKING HOURS, OVERTIME COMPENSATION, PREMIUM PAY

12.1 The regular work week for all employees covered by this Agreement, except shift employees, shall be five (5) consecutive days, Monday through Friday, and by mutual agreement between the Borough and the employee, arrangements may be made for Tuesday through Saturday or other work week. If an alternate work week is agreed upon, notice will be given to the Union as soon thereafter as possible.

12.2 The regular work week for shift employees shall be from Sunday through Saturday.

12.3 The regular work week for employees shall be five (5) consecutive days Monday through Friday. By mutual agreement, the hours worked may be between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If mutually agreed upon an alternate work week consisting of four (4) days, ten (10) hours per day may be scheduled.

12.4 Operating schedules for generation shall be prepared by the Utility Director. Schedules shall be prepared and posted as far in advance as is possible and practical. In no case shall schedules be posted with less than two (2) weeks notice, unless extenuating circumstances arise due to SEAPA scheduling, etc.

12.5 Under any situation deemed an emergency by the Borough, work schedules may be changed as required.

12.6 The normal work day for all employees covered by this Agreement, except shift employees, shall be any nine (9) consecutive hours with one (1) hour off for lunch. The one hour lunch period may be shortened and the stopping time advanced correspondingly.

12.7 The regular work day for powerhouse operators shall be eight (8) consecutive hours with meals to be eaten on Borough time.

12.8 Work performed in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week shall be compensated at the applicable overtime rate. No employee shall work overtime without advance approval of the Utility Director or the Director's designee unless responding to a call out.

12.9 Work performed during a callout (includes minimum), and holidays shall be paid at the double time rate of pay. The 9th and 10th hours worked, Monday through Friday, shall be at one and one half (1 ½) times the straight time rate of pay. Any hours worked in excess of ten (10) hours, Monday through Friday, shall be at the double time rate of pay. All work performed on Sunday shall be at the double time rate of pay.

12.10 All employees working regularly scheduled swing shifts shall receive an additional fifty cents (\$.50) per hour. All employees working regularly scheduled graveyard shifts shall receive an additional seventy-five cents (\$.75) per hour. Day shift shall be at the straight-time rate.

12.11 When employees work into the next shift awaiting relief, they shall receive their current or the applicable shift differential, whichever is greater.

12.12 Insofar as practical, any overtime work shall be divided as equally as possible among the employees of the same job classification.

12.13 Employees will be compensated a minimum of one hour at the double time hourly rate for actual time worked under an operating helicopter.

12.14 Change in an employee's work schedule shall not result in time lost to the employee based on his or her normal work week.

ARTICLE 13 **TRAINING**

13.1 The Borough and the Union will cooperate in encouraging training programs including government funded programs, which will provide initial and advanced training for present and future employees.

13.2 When assigned to a school or training facility by the Borough, employees will not suffer a loss in wages.

13.3 An employee may be allowed up to one (1) year's Leave of Absence for training.

13.4 If schooling is taken out of town or it is necessary to travel out of town, upon request by the employee and approval by the Borough, room, board, and transportation will be paid, in advance. When travel is required by the Employer, on an employee's regular working day, they will be paid as if they were at work (a maximum of eight (8) hours for travel on any one working day). When travel is required by the employer on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall receive compensation at the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for actual travel time, even if it is more than eight (8) hours in a day and even if they have worked more than forty (40) hours in the week. An alternate work schedule for the travel day may be agreed upon between the employee and the Utility Director or the Director's designee.

Reimbursement for necessary business-related expenses such as car rental, taxi, etc., shall be paid upon verification of receipts.

13.5 Subject to budgetary limitations, the Borough will provide an educational assistance program for full-time employees to improve their skills, knowledge and abilities relating to their present positions or to positions to which they might logically progress. In order to receive reimbursement, under this plan, employees must receive prior approval of the department head, and must complete the course. Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the employee must submit a request for reimbursement, together with receipts for tuition and books, to the Utility Director who will process the request for payment.

ARTICLE 14 **APPRENTICESHIP**

14.1 The Borough shall be a signatory participant in the Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Training and Trust (AJEATT). Such participation shall cover apprenticeship positions in the Borough's Electric Department.

The cost to the Employer shall be as follows:

(a) So long as the Employer has at least one apprentice participating in the program, the cost shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per calendar year.

(b) In the event that there are no apprentices participating in the program, the cost to the Employer shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per calendar year.

14.2 It is mutually agreed that initial recruitment for applicants shall be solely within the Petersburg community. In the event a qualified applicant is not found within the community the recruitment will expand to the southeast Alaska region.

14.3 The apprentice to journeyman ratio shall not exceed one (1) apprentice for every two (2) journeyman. The Foreman will be counted as a journeyman for this calculation.

14.4 While undergoing required training in Anchorage or Fairbanks, apprentices will be required to apply for step grants. If a step grant is received, the Borough will cover actual travel expenses over and above the step grant, and per diem pursuant to the Borough's current amount for each full day away from Petersburg (not including travel days), for all employees covered by this agreement.

14.5 For the apprentice to continue his or her pay and benefit status with the Borough while undergoing required training, he or she will be required to sign an agreement between the Borough, IBEW and the apprentice with the following stipulations:

(a) Funds paid to the apprentice for wages, benefits, travel, lodging and per diem will be tracked while undergoing required training in Anchorage or Fairbanks.

(b) Upon receiving a journeyman status, the employee must agree to work for the Borough as a journeyman for the following four (4) years.

(c) If upon receiving a journeyman status the employee elects to leave employment with the Borough he or she will be required to reimburse the Borough for wages, benefits, travel and per diem paid under 14.5(a). One quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the cost will be written off upon the completion of each of the first four (4) years employed as a journeyman.

14.6 The apprenticeship wage scale shall be listed in Appendix "B" of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15

GENERAL WORKING RULES

15.1 All regular employees called to work outside of their regular schedule shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at the appropriate rate. When work continues without interruption after normal quitting time, the minimum call out in the preceding sentence shall not apply.

15.2 Except in cases of emergency, an employee who has been on duty for six (6) or more hours after 8:00 p.m. shall not report to work the day next following until he or she has had a minimum of nine (9) hours of relief; provided, however, that such employee shall be paid at his or her applicable straight-time rate for those hours of his or her regularly scheduled shift included in his or her nine (9) hours of relief; and provided further, if such employee does not report for work immediately following such nine (9) hours of relief, he or she will not be entitled to straight-time pay for those hours of his or her regularly scheduled shift which were included in his or her nine (9) hours of relief.

15.3 Stand-by Time for Borough Lineman: Employees shall receive \$4.00 per hour while on stand-by time and \$5.00 per hour while on stand-by for closed holidays. Stand-by time is determined by the Borough based on a weekly rotation of the involved employees, in addition to normal work time during which an employee is not working but is required to restrict activities and be available for return to work. An employee is not considered to be on stand-by status unless he has previously been, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, informed by his supervisor or department head of the assignment.

- (a) An employee shall not receive stand-by pay for hours actually worked or for hours reimbursed by a call back minimum.
- (b) Stand-by duty requires the employee so assigned to:
 - (1) Be available for the Borough to contact at all hours by a communication device(s) designated and provided by the Borough;
 - (2) Respond to calls for his or her service, and
 - (3) Refrain from activities which might impair his or her ability to perform his or her assigned duties should he or she be called out.
- (c) An employee may exchange stand by time with another employee if the Borough and the affected employee agree. Notification of the proposed change must be made at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance except for emergencies.

15.4 Employees temporarily assigned by the Utility Director's or his or her designee's prior written authorization to a higher paid position and required to perform the normal duties of that position shall receive the rate of pay for that position for all time worked; provided, however that this provision shall not apply to assignments made for the purposes of supervised training (including on-the-job training). They shall also receive that higher pay for all holidays that may fall during the temporary assignment provided that the temporary assignment is longer than five (5) consecutive working days and provided the holiday did not fall during a period of time the employee was on PTO of greater than three (3) days. When an employee in acting status takes PTO in excess of three (3) consecutive days, the employee will be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay for all time taken.

15.5 The Borough will pay employees semi-monthly, by the 5th and 20th of each month. If pay day falls on a holiday or weekend, the preceding day shall be the pay day. Each pay check shall be accompanied by a statement showing the number of hours worked at straight time, the number of hours worked at overtime, and all deductions. Annual statements shall be furnished each employee showing gross earnings, total deductions made, and total vacation and sick leave time accumulated. No unauthorized deductions or accrued earnings shall be withheld from the employee's earnings.

15.6 When an employee is separated from service, all wages, salaries, or other compensation due, including all accrued paid time off, shall be paid within three (3) working days after separation unless, in the case of an employee resignation, a minimum two (2) week notice is not provided to the employer. If no notice is given, the employee will be paid by the next regular pay day that is at least 3 working days after the employee's last day worked .

15.7 Employees shall travel shop to shop on Borough time and in Borough vehicles and shall report at shop headquarters in which they are regularly employed.

15.8 When three (3) or more employees are working in a separate group or crew, and supervision is not present, then one (1) employee shall be designated as a lead employee and he or she shall be compensated accordingly. When two (2) or more employees are called out for line work only, and if supervision is not present, the senior employee shall act as the lead employee and shall be compensated accordingly.

15.9 If a physical examination is required by the Borough, the Borough will pay the cost of such examination. Transportation to and from the place of the examination will be paid by the Borough if the Borough requests the employee to take the examination away from Petersburg.

15.10 An employee may exchange his or her day off or shift for another day off or shift if the Utility Director and any other employee affected approve. Also, the Director may exchange a day off or shift of an employee for another day off or shift if the employee affected approves.

15.11 Full-time employees may engage in occupations or outside activities as long as it does not interfere with their duty. Before beginning or continuing concurrent employment, employees are required to obtain the written approval of their department manager and the Human Resources/Clerk's office. If the request is denied, the employee may file a grievance.

15.12 Changes on time cards that involve an employee's rate of pay or hours worked shall be brought to the attention of the employee involved. Copies of employee's time cards shall be made available for inspection if requested by the employee or an authorized Union representative.

15.13 Instructions will normally and usually be given by the employee's immediate supervisor.

ARTICLE 16 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

16.1 The Borough may authorize Leave of Absence without pay, not in excess of ninety (90) calendar days. Such Leave of Absence shall not be deducted for seniority purposes. An authorized Leave of Absence without pay in excess of ninety (90) calendar days shall be deducted in computing the employee's term of service for seniority purposes. In special cases of long-term disability and when agreed by both the Union and the Borough, an additional ninety (90) days Leave of Absence without pay may be granted.

16.2 The Employer shall comply with the requirements of the state and federal Family Medical Leave Act. Information about entitlement and obligations under federal and state FMLA's will be made available during orientation for each new employee and upon request to the Borough Manager.

16.3 An employee may be granted a Leave of Absence without pay (including accrual of other benefits) for a period not to exceed one (1) year, where adequate notice is given Borough. Such leave shall be contingent upon the operational needs of the Borough.

16.4 Employees of the Borough who are members of the National Guard or Military Reserve will be granted special military leave to attend encampments or training periods as unpaid leave.

16.5 There will be no loss of pay for an employee who is required to perform jury duty or is called as a subpoenaed witness for the Borough.

ARTICLE 17 **OCCUPATIONAL INJURY**

17.1 In cases of injury or ailment which is covered by Worker's Compensation Insurance, accrued PTO shall be used to pay the disabled employee the difference of the wage which the employee would have otherwise earned and the worker's compensation benefit received. Such payments shall not exceed the value of the employee's accrued PTO on the first day of disability and shall end upon the utilization of all accrued PTO.

17.2 In case of occupational injury, the employee's position or a comparable position shall be held a maximum of twelve (12) months or until it has been definitely established that he or she will be unable to return to his or her job, and his or her seniority rights shall remain in force during this period.

17.3 An employee who is entitled to receive compensation benefits under the Alaska Worker's Compensation Act shall continue to earn PTO benefits and the Employer shall continue to pay its portion of such employee's group medical and life insurance premiums during the period the employee is unable to return to work, not to exceed six (6) months.

ARTICLE 18 **SAFETY**

18.1 The Borough shall furnish such safety devices and first aid kits as may be needed for the safety and proper emergency medical treatment of the employees. All necessary rubber equipment and noise protection gear for the protection of employees working on or in close proximity of live and/or loud equipment is to be furnished by the Borough and shall be used by the employees at all appropriate times. The Borough will furnish such safety straps as may be necessary. If the personal tools or rain gear furnished by employees hereunder are destroyed or damaged by fire, storm or flood while stored on the Borough's premises or carried in the Borough's equipment, the Borough will replace or repair such tools or rain gear.

18.2 The Employer will provide and replace body belts for climbers and/or replacement parts for climbers for all Journeyman Lineman and indentured apprentices working under the Petersburg Borough/IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement.

18.3 The employee will take full responsibility for the safe upkeep of this Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and thereby take full ownership of it. The Borough reserves the right to request reimbursement for belts and climbers that have been intentionally damaged. Upon a request for replacement by the employee, the Employer along with a union designated representative, shall make a determination of the equipments present condition, adequacy of protection and fit; then either approve or disapprove the replacement. Any dispute over this determination may be subject to the grievance procedure contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

18.4 The Borough shall furnish facilities for drying clothing and equipment.

(a) The Employer will provide one set of high visibility, fire retardant raingear to employees engaged in line work (including flagging), generation maintenance, or meter reading. Replacement will be made whenever the raingear is worn out or damaged. Lost raingear will be replaced at the employee's expense.

(b) Other safety related clothing items not specifically mentioned above, including all work boots, gloves and other work-related clothing and fire retardant clothing, will be pre-approved and furnished or rejected at the Utility Director's sole discretion, consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

18.5 All full-time employees that are qualified under OSHA 29 CFR 1910.269 and/or may be exposed to energized parts covered by the NESC (Wireman, Lineman, Meterman and Generation Operators) shall receive up to six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625.00) reimbursement, upon presentation of receipts, for the exclusive purchase of FR clothing. The purchase of FR clothing shall be pre-approved by Utility Director based upon the Borough's arc hazard analysis. The FR clothing shall be required to meet the minimum arc thermal performance value (ATPV) or the minimum hazard risk category determined in the arc hazard analysis. The initial purchase of FR clothing shall be provided by the Borough.

18.6 All employees shall be responsible for working in a safe and proper manner. U.S. Government Department of Commerce publications "National Electrical Safety Codes" and the "Electrical Workers Safety Codes" and the "Electrical Workers Safety Rules" and "General Safety Code of the State of Alaska" shall serve as standards. When any work is being done in a manhole, applicable safety code shall apply. A safety and first aid program will be instituted and worked out within six (6) months from the date of this Agreement. The Petersburg Borough is required to comply with the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), set forth as AS 18.60.010-AS 18.60.105. Alaska OSHA mandates that an employer do everything necessary to protect the life, health, and safety of employees. Consequently, the Petersburg Borough is committed to providing safe workplace practices and environments, which comply with OSHA requirements, as well as the Borough's common law duty to provide a safe work site.

18.7 It is mutually agreed by the Employer and the Employee that safety is a priority and constant concern. In recognition of this, it is further agreed that:

(a) A Safety Committee composed of equal representation from the Borough and the Union shall be created. The committee will meet as needed and is required to address safety concerns as they relate to the Utility Safety Manual, but at least annually. It is the Committee's responsibility to keep the Utility Safety Manual up to date and current with respect to OSHA, state and federal laws, and latest industry practices. The Union will appoint its Safety Representative.

(b) Safety Meetings jointly conducted by the Superintendent and the Union Safety Person or their representatives shall be held at least once a month, unless delayed by mutual agreement of the Superintendent, the Union Safety Person and the Shop Steward.

18.8 All repair, installation and maintenance work on energized high voltage equipment and on high voltage series street lighting circuits shall be done by journeyman linemen. The framing and handling of poles, boring and fitting on crossarms, making guys on the job, the testing repair and rebuilding of transformers, oil circuit breakers, sectionalizers, voltage regulators and other electrical apparatus will be done by qualified journeyman lineman who may be assisted by apprentices or groundmen. Welding or painting de-energized equipment may also be performed by journeyman mechanics. General maintenance on de-energized electrical apparatus may also be performed by journeyman electricians.

18.9 When working on energized circuits of 400 volts or greater, at minimum one (1) journeyman and one (1) 4,000-hour 2nd year school apprentice, working under the direction of a journeyman, shall be required. One of them shall serve principally as a standby person to render assistance in case of an accident. In no case, when working in pairs, shall they work simultaneously.

18.10 In case of trouble on energized lines, conductors or equipment in excess of 400 volts, or where work to be performed is hazardous, two or more journeymen shall be assigned to the job.

18.11 All mobile units with manlift equipment shall carry one (1) journeyman and one (1) 4,000-hour 2nd year school apprentice when working on energized conductors of over 400 volts, unless the person in charge feels that the hazards of the work involved require two (2) journeymen. Foremen shall be considered as journeymen for the purpose of this section.

18.12 All employees shall be responsible for carrying out safety and good housekeeping policies and practices. They shall see that all first aid kits are kept properly supplied and in clean and good condition, and that all protection devices for handling high voltages are kept in good condition. Rubber gloves shall be subjected to a 15,000 volt flashover test every six (6) months and an air test before each use and shall be kept clean, dusted with talcum powder and carried in a suitable bag provided for that purpose only. Hand tackle shall be kept in good repair.

18.13 No person except those employed therein, or duly authorized, shall enter substations or generating plants without the knowledge and permission of the person in charge of the plant at the time. Rooms and spaces shall be so arranged with fences, screens, partitions or walls as to prevent entrance or unauthorized persons or interference by them with equipment inside, and entrances not under the observation of an authorized attendant should be kept locked.

18.14 In the event of an emergency or outage at the plant, the Utility Director or his or her designee must sign the log and relieve the operator if he or she is to assume control of the plant.

18.15 It is mutually agreed that all maintenance, repairs and changes and replacements to Borough owned facilities may be performed by the Borough employees.

18.16 No employee shall be required to work voltages in excess of 5,000 volts with rubber gloves.

18.17 At least two (2) times per calendar year, the Borough will provide a four (4) hour safety seminar during normal working hours. A qualified safety expert shall conduct the course for all employees designated by the Safety Committee. The employee will be paid his or her straight time hourly rate while in attendance.

ARTICLE 19 **MEDICAL BENEFITS**

19.1 The Borough will make available to all employees covered by this Agreement a health insurance plan, subject to plan eligibility requirements.

- (a) Effective July 1, 2018, the Employer shall pay 80% of the cost of insurance coverage for the employee and dependent coverage for all employees working 30 or more hours per week. The Employee shall pay the remaining 20% of the cost of insurance coverage for employee and dependent coverage.
- (b) Effective July 1, 2018, the Employer shall pay 80% of the cost of insurance coverage employee and dependent coverage for all employees hired prior to July 1, 2018 and working 20 or more but less than 30 hours per week. The Employee shall pay the remaining 20% of the cost of insurance coverage for employee and dependent coverage.
- (c) The Employer shall pay 80% of the cost of employee only insurance coverage and 50% of dependent coverage for all employees hired after July 1, 2018 who work 20 or more but less than 30 hours per week. The Employee shall pay the remaining 20% of the cost of the employee only coverage and the remaining 50% of any elected dependent coverage.
- (d) Employees will receive notification of any changes in premium costs prior to implementing changes increasing payroll deductions for insurance.

19.2 Either party may propose to the other, during the term of this Agreement, an alternate health insurance plan if the proposed plan offers equal or better coverage at a reduced premium. In the event that one party gives written notice to the other that such a plan is available, the parties will meet to review the plan proposed.

19.3 Employees will receive notification of any changes in premium costs prior to implementing changes increasing payroll deductions for insurance.

19.4 The Borough shall allow each permanent employee admission to the Community Gym and Pool and use of its facilities at a reduced rate of 100% off regular rate to the employee for the purpose of supporting and promoting healthy lifestyles and attempting to reduce healthcare usage.

ARTICLE 20 **RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

20.1 All regular employees shall be eligible to participate in the Alaska Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as provided by the State of Alaska.

20.2 Effective April 1, 2010, the Borough shall make contributions to the Alaska Electrical Pension Plan (AEPP) on behalf of all regular employees covered by this Agreement at the rate one dollar (\$1.00) per hour worked.

20.3 In addition to Section 20.2, effective July 1, 2013, employees covered under this agreement hired after July 1, 2006 and who are enrolled in Tier IV of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) will have their wages reduced by 4% and the employer will make contributions to the Alaska Electrical Pension Plan (AEPP) on behalf of these employees equivalent to the wage reduction, plus an additional contribution of (a) 2% for employees with less than 5 ½ years of employment (for a total contribution of 6% of their effective wage), and (b) 3% additional contribution for employees with 5 ½ years or more of employment (for a total contribution of 7% of their effective wage).

ARTICLE 21 **WAGES**

21.1 The wage schedule for employees covered by this Agreement set forth in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" is attached hereto and made a part hereof. All rates contained herein are to be considered minimums and any rates in excess of these are at the option of the Borough.

21.2 No employees shall have their wages reduced by reason of signing of this Agreement, and if any employee covered by this Agreement is receiving a higher scale than is provided for herein, he or she shall remain at the higher scale during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof unless moved to a different classification with a lower pay scale.

ARTICLE 22
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

22.1 The Union recognizes that any and all rights, not in conflict with this Agreement, concerned with the management of the Borough and the direction of the working force shall be vested exclusively with the Borough. Management rights and responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- (a) Determine the overall mission and purpose of the Electric Utility Department;
- (b) Maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Borough to provide its customers with adequate and reliable electrical power at the lowest cost possible;
- (c) Determine the services to be rendered, the operations to be performed, the technology to be utilized, or the matters to be budgeted and the priorities therefore;
- (d) Determine the overall methods, processes, means, job classifications and descriptions, and personnel by which the work of the Borough is to be conducted;
- (e) Direct, supervise and/or hire employees;
- (f) Promote, suspend, discipline, discharge, transfer, assign, schedule, retain and/or layoff employees;
- (g) Relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or funds or under conditions where the Borough determines that continued work would be inefficient or nonproductive; and to
- (h) Adopt rules, regulations, educational programs, safety programs and any other measures, not in conflict with this Agreement, necessary to assure the efficient and effective operations of the Electric Utility Department.

ARTICLE 23
GENERAL PROVISIONS

23.1 Should any article, section, or provision herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted State ordinance or other law, or by the decree of judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidation of such article, section or provision will not affect the remaining portions hereof, and such other parts and provisions will remain in full force and effect. Upon the invalidation of any article, section or provision hereof, the parties will meet and negotiate the parts and provisions concerned within thirty (30) days from the date the fact such invalidation is communicated to them; provided, however, that the parties may mutually agree to extend the time for such negotiations.

23.2 This Agreement sets forth all of the terms, conditions and understandings between the parties hereto, and there are no terms, conditions or understandings, either oral or written, between them other than as herein set forth. No subsequent alteration, amendment, change or addition to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto unless reduced to writing and signed by them.

23.3 Any and all prior agreements and understandings are hereby canceled and superseded by this Agreement. Unless specifically provided for otherwise herein, past practices shall not be binding on the Borough.

23.4 Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the Borough, at its sole discretion, from paying wages and/or benefits in excess of those provided herein.

23.5 Whenever substantive changes to a covered job description are proposed by the Borough, a review by both parties to this Agreement will be made to determine if a reclassification is appropriate. If a new job classification is proposed that would be covered by this Agreement, the parties will bargain in good faith to set the wage, hours of work, and working conditions. Such negotiations shall occur prior to the filling of the position.

WITNESS our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 2021.

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF
ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1547**

PETERSBURG BOROUGH

Business Manager
Marcie Obremski

Borough Manager, Stephen Giesbrecht

Assistant Business Manager
Robert Stamm

Finance Director, Jody Tow

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Sam Caulum

Borough Clerk/Human Resources Director
Debra K. Thompson

Negotiating Committee Member
Alice Williams

Utility Director, Karl Hagerman

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly at a meeting held on
_____.

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk, Debra K. Thompson

1. Effective July 1, 2021: \$1.75 increase to Journeyman lineman wages: \$1.25 increase to the Electrician/Operator wages, Power Generation/Mechanic/Operator wages and Meter Reader/Mapping Technician/Operator wages; and \$1.00 increase to the wage table in Appendix A for all classifications except the non-incumbent Office Manager, Tree Trimmer, Laborer, and Secretary I classifications.

2. Effective July 1, 2022: Two and one half (2 ½) percent increase to the wage table in Appendix A for all classifications other than the Tree Trimmer, Laborer, and Secretary I classifications.

3. Effective July 1, 2023: Two (2) percent increase to the wage table in Appendix A for all Classifications other than the Tree Trimmer, Laborer, and Secretary I classifications.

APPENDIX A

Classification	7/1/2021	7/1/2021 PERS Tier 4	7/1/2022	7/1/2022 PERS Tier 4	7/1/2023	7/1/2023PERS Tier 4
General Foreman - Effective 9/1/18	\$54.18	\$52.01	\$55.54	\$53.32	\$56.65	\$54.38
Line Foreman - 112%	\$52.99	\$50.87	\$54.31	\$52.14	\$55.40	\$53.18
Lead Lineman - 105%	\$49.68	\$47.69	\$50.92	\$48.88	\$51.94	\$49.86
Lineman - 100%	\$47.31	\$45.42	\$48.49	\$46.55	\$49.46	\$47.48
Apprentice Lineman	See Appendix B					
Electrician/Operator	\$45.36	\$43.55	\$46.49	\$44.63	\$47.42	\$45.52
Power Generation/ Mechanic Operator	\$42.77	\$41.06	\$43.84	\$42.09	\$44.72	\$42.93
**Office Manager	36.72	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Office Manager – Effective 7/1/2021	\$31.09	\$29.85	\$31.87	\$30.60	\$32.51	\$31.21
Office Manager – Effective 12/1/2021	32.09	30.81	32.90	31.58	33.56	32.22
Tree Trimmer	\$30.01	\$28.81	\$30.01	\$ 28.81	\$30.01	\$28.81
Groundman	\$27.39	\$26.29	\$28.08	\$26.96	\$28.64	\$27.49
Meter Reader/Mapping Technician/Operator	\$29.13	\$27.97	\$29.86	\$28.67	\$30.46	\$29.24
Admin Clerk/Customer Service Representative	\$23.38	\$22.45	\$23.97	\$23.01	\$24.45	\$23.47
Meter Reader	\$23.35	\$22.42	\$23.93	\$22.97	\$24.41	\$23.43
Laborer	\$19.72	\$18.93	\$19.72	\$18.93	\$19.72	\$18.93
Secretary I	\$19.72	\$18.93	\$19.72	\$18.93	\$19.72	\$18.93

Operator Premium (for classifications without Operator in the title)

\$1.75 per hr.

** Incumbent only

APPENDIX B

<u>Apprentice</u>	<u>Percentage of Journeyman Lineman</u>
1st 1000 hours	60%
2nd 1000 hours	65%
3rd 1000 hours	70%
4th 1000 hours	75%
5th 1000 hours	80%
6 th 1000 hours	85%
7th 1000 hours	90%
8th 1000 hours	95%

AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT WHILE AT APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Petersburg Borough, Party of the First Part, hereinafter called the Borough; and _____, Party of the Second Part, hereinafter called Employee.

WITNESSETH: that

WHEREAS, the Borough has engaged the Employee as an Apprentice Lineman and the Employee has elected to pursue the required out of town schooling while still employed by the Borough as set forth in the IBEW, Local 1547 Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Borough, paragraph 14.5, and

WHEREAS, The Borough is in agreement with this election,

THEREFORE, the terms and conditions set forth in paragraph 14.5 shall be in force for the Anchorage and/or Fairbanks school terms required to complete the apprenticeship.

WITNESS:

For the Borough

Date

Employee

Date

IBEW

Date