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Business expansion creates new jobs

Local lines company Top Energy has recently hired three new Apprentice Line Mechanics and this week will start looking for another three Apprentice Line Mechanics and two Apprentice Electricians.

These new jobs have come about because the company's Contracting Division, which looks after Top Energy's lines network, as well as offering electrical contracting services to the public, is expanding.

Said Top Energy, General Manager, Contracting Dr Kevin Doherty, "Our Contracting Division is growing fast, so we need extra staff to help with the increased workloads. And because we have an ongoing commitment to work and job-skills training, the company is well placed to offer these positions as apprenticeships."

The three new Apprentice Line Mechanics are based at the company's Contracting Services Southern Depot at Puketona and work under the close supervision of qualified Line Mechanics, performing a variety of duties, including installing and replacing overhead and underground electrical lines, poles and equipment.

According to Doherty, for the extra apprenticeship positions which may be based at either Puketona or Top Energy's Kaitaia Depot, the company will be looking for young men and women who have a minimum School Certificate or NCEA equivalent qualification, who are good communicators, can follow instructions and work well under pressure. They'll also need a Driver's Licence. "This is a rare and rewarding opportunity for young people who want to launch their career in Northland's power industry", Doherty said.

Before they become qualified Line Mechanics and Electricians, the apprentices will work through on the job training as well as an education programme, which includes 3 national certificates. Apprentice Line Mechanics are likely to complete their formal training in two to three years and Apprentice Electricians in three to four years. They will then take up positions with Top Energy as fully qualified Line Mechanics and Electricians.

Those interested in applying for the Apprentice Line Mechanic or Apprentice Electrician positions can forward a Resume to, The General Manager, Contracting, Top Energy, PO Box 243, Kaikohe, 0400 or e-mail mjb@topenergy.co.nz. END.

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Pic: Three new Top Energy Apprentice Line Mechanics outside their Puketona Depot, which is nearing completion. (Right to left. James Nuku, Laurence Andrew and Luke Jackson.)