TELEPHONE OPERATOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The duties involve the operation of a telephone switchboard and occasional routine clerical assignments as necessary. Work is performed in accordance with a prescribed routine outlined by a supervisor.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Answers telephone calls and makes station connections;
- 2. Maintains a current record of changes in office and personnel;
- 3. Places long distance calls;
- 4. Keeps a record of calls and toll charges;
- 5. Gives out routine information to the public;
- 6. Assists in maintaining various kinds of records and reports;
- 7. Receives and sends telegrams;
- 8. Reports telephone lines which are out of order;
- 9. Sorts and indexes cards, forms, letters and other simple office materials when required;
- 10. May act as receptionist, giving information and directing public;
- 11. Does related work as required.

<u>FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL</u> <u>CHARACTERISTICS</u>:

Working knowledge in the operation of a telephone switchboard; some knowledge of office terminology, procedures, and equipment; a clear pleasing voice, and manner of speaking; working knowledge of correct English usage; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; excellent hearing; mental alertness; clerical aptitude; tact and courtesy; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- EITHER: (A) Graduation from high school or its equivalent;
- OR: (B) Any equivalent combination of training and experience.

<u>NOTE</u>: Clerical work experience may be substituted for formal education on a year-for-year basis.

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