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Unclassified Job Announcement

Regulatory Economist

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Regulatory Economist for the Regulatory Operations, Resource and Analysis Division. This is an unclassified, at-will, full-time exempt position within Nevada State Government.

About the PUCN: The PUCN is a quasi-judicial regulatory agency that, among other duties, ensures investor-owned utilities comply with all applicable state and federal laws. For more information about the agency, please visit the PUCN website at <http://puc.nv.gov>.

The Positions Key Areas of Responsibility:

- Performs applied economic research on a wide range of matters related to the utilities and industries that the Commission regulates, which include short-term and long-term forecasting of loads, the billing determinates of public utilities, competitive policy analysis, market analysis, cost analysis, and rate structure analysis of various aspects of utility issues.
- Evaluates, analyzes and interprets utility data such as load data to explain the impact of economic factors, weather, and energy efficiency programs on customer usage and overall utility loads.
- Evaluates and analyzes a utility's resource plan (including resource procurement and risk management strategies), provides an economic analysis and develops recommendations to the Commission and the utilities.
- Evaluates and analyzes a utility's conservation and efficiency plan, and develops recommendations to the Commission and the utility.
- Evaluates a utility's cost of service study and rate design, and develops recommendations to the Commission and the utility.
- Conducts a rate of return on investment, financial and macroeconomic analyses to develop a reasonable rate of return and financing for a utility.
- Reviews a utility's contracts including renewable power purchase agreements ("PPAs") and affiliate transactions and contracts.
- Conducts an analysis of a merger and transfer of control.
- Must be familiar with recent developments of the regulated industries (e.g., electric, gas, telecommunications and water and sewer) at the federal agencies as well as in other state jurisdictions.
- Conducts a study of a regulated industry in terms of the competitiveness and efficient industry structure.

- Interacts with other economists, engineers, policy analysts, and legal staff in the development and implementation of regulatory policy.
- Provides written testimony and orally defends testimony for proceedings brought before the Commission; and serves as an expert witness.
- Analyzes issues and evaluates other parties' written and oral testimony for accuracy, logic and consistency with existing Commission policy, state statutes and regulations, and writes testimony based upon analysis.
- Prepares and presents testimony to legislative committees.
- Makes presentations to various state, local and federal agencies.
- May be expected to perform additional job-related duties and to have or develop additional specific job-related knowledge and skills.

Skills Required:

Must be highly professional, well-organized, self-motivated, and possess leadership skills. Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision as well as in a team environment in collaboration with other analysts, auditors, economists, engineers, and legal staff; compile and summarize information and prepare correspondence, periodic or special reports related to assignments; and contribute effectively to the accomplishment of the team or agency goals, objectives, and activities. Must possess skill in effective written and verbal communication; must be able to collaboratively or as a team complete writing assignments; required skills also include planning, prioritizing and executing timelines without the need for supervision.

Must be available for travel (typically up to 25% of the time).

Minimum Qualifications:

Doctorate degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in economics, econometrics, finance or a closely related field and two years of professional level experience in energy or telecommunications economics or regulation; OR a Master's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in economics, econometrics, finance or a closely related field and five years professional level experience in energy or telecommunications regulation; OR An equivalent combination of education and experience.

Approx. Annual Salary Up To \$98,689 (Salary reflects retirement (PERS) contributions by both the employee and the employer. An employer paid contribution plan is also available with a reduced gross salary.)

Benefits: The State benefits package includes enrollment into the Public Retirement System (www.nvpers.org), a choice of health insurance plans (www.pebp.state.nv.us), eleven paid holidays, and paid annual leave and sick leave, after appropriate waiting periods. Other optional benefits are also available, including a deferred compensation program.

Position Location: The position will be located in Carson City or Las Vegas.

Applications Will Be Accepted Until: Recruitment needs are satisfied.

Submit Cover Letter, Resume and Writing Sample to:

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In subject line please reference: **Regulatory Economist**

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