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NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION HIRING TECHNICAL ADVISORY POSITIONS

(SANTA FE, NM—FEBRUARY 1)—The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) has immediate openings for three technical advisors to the Commission: an Engineer, Economist and Accountant. The purpose of these open positions is to provide high-level expert advisory support in their areas of expertise to the Commission, Hearing Examiners, Office of General Counsel and other advisory staff related to the regulation of electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities, as well as telecommunications carriers, in accordance with principles of regulatory law. Commissioners are keen to fill these three Governor Exempt "at will" positions as soon as possible. These positions come with competitive salaries and benefits.

Work with the PRC can be done remotely at this time, though it is necessary to live in New Mexico to hold a position with the state government. The State of New Mexico offers retirement and excellent benefits and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

For these and other openings at the PRC, please visit our website at https://www.nm-prc.org/human-resources/prc-job-opportunities/ and apply online at the State Personnel Office website https://www.spo.state.nm.us/.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) regulates the <u>utilities</u>, <u>telecommunications</u>, and <u>motor carrier</u> industries to ensure fair and reasonable rates, and to assure reasonable and adequate services to the public as provided by law.

The NMPRC also promotes public safety through the offices of <u>Pipeline Safety Bureau</u> and the <u>Transportation Division</u>.

Public Regulation Commission Regulatory Accountant (Advisory Staff) (GOVEX Position)

Nature of Work:

Provide high level expert advisory support directly to the Commissioners of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Hearing Examiners, Office of General Counsel and other advisory staff.

Description of Duties:

This position's general purpose is to provide high level expert advisory support to the Commissioners of the Public Regulation Commission, Hearing Examiners, the Office of General Counsel and other advisory staff members by identifying and addressing accounting issues related to the regulation of electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities and telecom carriers in accordance with principles of regulatory law.

The regulatory accountant works with the regulatory economists, engineers, hearing examiners and attorneys in the Public Regulation Commission Advisory Staff by performing regulatory accounting projects, analyses, and studies of the prices, policies and contract terms governing a utility's provision of service to its customers recommended by utilities and other parties in adjudicatory regulatory proceedings and quasi-legislative rulemaking proceedings before the Commission.

This position's general duties are to review and analyze utility and telecom carrier testimony and exhibits, including accounting and operating information, cost studies, books and records, plant operating information, plant accounts, depreciation studies. This position will provide advice and make recommendations regarding cost of service, revenue requirement, fuel and purchased power cost adjustment clause, and cost of plant and plant additions based on such review and in accordance with state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and previous court and PRC decisions.

Regulatory Accountants are expected to develop and maintain a comprehensive understanding of New Mexico's utility and telecom sectors, including financial and economic principles, regulatory and industry practices, business operations, legal environment, and customer behavior.

While this position generally will not provide testimony on such matters in adjudicatory regulatory proceedings, this position may be called on to provide testimony in support of advice provided to the Commission in an adjudicatory regulatory proceeding or rulemaking when necessary and appropriate.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This position will have no independent authority with respect to approving applications, modifying procedures, approving expenditures, strategic planning, or disciplining personnel.

Key Knowledge and Skills Preferred for Fully Competent Performance:

- Proficient computer skills in the use of Microsoft Office applications, including Excel, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer, Word, and Outlook.
- The candidate must be proficient and have the ability to learn and adapt to other industry-related, proprietary software including electric generation resource optimization modeling.
- Experience with Sage accounting software is a plus.
- Knowledge of the New Mexico regulatory and legislative process.
- Extensive knowledge of commonly-used concepts, practices, and procedures within the utility and telecom industries.
- Strong written and verbal analytical, organizational, communication, and presentation skills with attention to detail and the ability to convey complex technical issues in lay terms.
- Must demonstrate ability to prioritize workflow and handle multiple, competing and changing priorities;
- Ability to work independently and effectively without supervision and within established time limits and ongoing deadlines while interacting with PRC staff and commissioners.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting.

Preference for certification in accordance with the New Mexico 1999 Public Accountancy Act, Sections 61-28B-1 through 61-28B-29 NMSA 1978.

<u>Statutory Requirements</u>: New Mexico 1999 Public Accountancy Act, Sections 61-28B-1 through 61-28B-29 NMSA 1978.

Conditions of Employment:

Position requires frequent use of desktop computer, prolonged periods of sitting and valid state driver license.

FLSA Status: Exempt

Bargaining Unit: Non-Bargaining Unit Eligible

Salary:

\$90,000.00- \$109,000.00 per year. The State of New Mexico offers excellent pension and health care benefits. Salary based on qualifications and experience. This is a GOVEX "at will" position. The State of New Mexico is an EOE Employer.

Apply:

Submit letter of interest, résumé, writing sample and three references to: Human Resources, Attention: Rene Kepler, <u>Renes.Kepler@state.nm.us</u> or NMPRC P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Public Utility Economist (Advisory Staff) (GOVEX Position)

Nature of Work:

Provide high-level expert advisory support directly to the Commissioners of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, the Commission's Office of the Hearing Examiners, the Commission's Office of General Counsel, and other advisory staff.

Description of Duties:

This position's general purpose is to identify and address economic issues related to the regulation of electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities, as well as telecom carriers, in accordance with principles of regulatory law.

This position's duties will include evaluating and assessing short-term and long-term load forecasts of electric, natural gas, water and wastewater utilities. This position will critically research and analyze load data to determine the impact of economic factors, weather conditions, and energy efficiency programs on customer energy consumption and utility loads. This position will also conduct economic research, mathematical analyses, and statistical modeling for purposes of estimating the short-term and long-term costs of providing electric distribution, transmission, and generation services for different classes of retail customers. This position will review utility tariffs and other utility filings, such as utility applications for changes in rates, for construction of new facilities, for abandonment of aged facilities, and for agreements to purchase power, as well as studies of costs of service and costs of capital. This position will conduct financial and economic research on a variety of utility regulatory issues in addition to those specified here. This position will develop findings and recommendations that apply in particular matters before the Commission as well as findings and recommendations that apply more broadly to areas that the Commission regulates.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This position will have no independent authority with respect to approving applications, modifying procedures, approving expenditures, strategic planning, or disciplining personnel.

Key Knowledge and Skills Preferred for Fully Competent Performance:

- Proficient computer skills to include Internet Explorer, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook. Knowledge of electric generation resource optimization modeling.
- Excellent written and verbal communication, organizational and analytical skills. Ability to convey complex technical issues in lay terms.

- Ability to work independently while interacting with Commissioners and Commission staff.
- Knowledge of the New Mexico regulatory and legislative process.
- Strong organizational skills with attention to detail.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Statistics, Business Administration or related field and four (4) years of experience in economic analysis, finance, accounting or auditing. Any combination of education from an accredited college or university in a related field and/or direct experience in this occupation totaling eight (8) years may substitute for the required education and experience.

Statutory Requirements: N/A

Conditions of Employment:

Position requires frequent use of desktop computer, prolonged periods of sitting and valid state driver license.

FLSA Status: Exempt

Bargaining Unit: Non-Bargaining Unit Eligible

Salary:

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New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Professional Engineer (Advisory Staff) (GOVEX Position)

Nature of Work:

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Description of Duties:

This position's general purpose is to provide high level expert advisory support to the Commissioners of the Public Regulation Commission, Hearing Examiners, the Office of General Counsel and other advisory staff members by identifying and addressing engineering issues related to the regulation of electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities and telecom carriers in accordance with principles of regulatory law.

This position's general duties are to review and analyze utility and carrier engineering and operating information, including utility and telecom carrier testimony, exhibits, and cost studies submitted in connection by utilities, telecom carriers and intervenors in quasi-legislative rulemaking proceedings and adjudicatory regulatory proceedings before the Commission. This position will provide advice and make recommendations regarding appropriate plant, plant additions and operational levels. Recommendations are based on review and analysis of applicable testimony, exhibits, utility and telecom carrier books and records, plant operating information, plant accounts, depreciation studies, and other applicable information. Recommendations are made in accordance with state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and previous court and PRC decisions. While this position generally will not provide testimony on such matters in adjudicatory regulatory proceedings, this position may be called on to provide testimony in support of advice provided to the Commission in an adjudicatory regulatory proceeding or rulemaking when necessary and appropriate.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This position will have no independent authority with respect to approving applications, modifying procedures, approving expenditures, strategic planning, or disciplining personnel.

Key Knowledge and Skills Preferred for Fully Competent Performance:

- Proficient computer skills to include Internet Explorer, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook. Knowledge of electric generation resource optimization modeling.
- Excellent written and verbal communication, organizational and analytical skills. Ability to convey complex technical issues in lay terms.

- Ability to work independently while interacting with PRC staff and commissioners.
- Knowledge of the New Mexico regulatory and legislative process.
- Strong organizational skills with attention to detail.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in Engineering or New Mexico State Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors approved 4-year curriculum as outlined in the New Mexico Engineering and Surveying Practice Act, Sections 61-23-1 to 32 and five (5) years of experience in engineering, design, construction, surveying, planning, coordinating, infrastructure projects and/or physical science.

Must be licensed in accordance with the New Mexico Engineering and Surveying Practice Act, Sections 61-23-1 through 61-23-32 NMSA 1978 and 16.39.1 through 16.39.8 NMAC, as applicable. Registration as a Professional Engineer by the New Mexico Licensing Board.

Statutory Requirements: N/A

Conditions of Employment:

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