

Job Announcement 11/01/18

Energy Policy Analyst

Position Summary

TURN—The Utility Reform Network seeks an Energy Policy Analyst to join our consumer advocacy staff, with a focus on energy and climate change policy of critical importance to California’s residential customers of electric and natural gas service.

TURN champions the interests of California’s residential utility customers by advocating at the California Public Utilities Commission, the Legislature, and other forums. TURN promotes policies and utility actions that provide affordable and safe electric and gas service, promote least-cost green energy solutions, support public input into decision-making and enhance accountability of the regulators and the utilities. TURN advocates on behalf of all California consumers, with a special focus on fighting to ensure affordable access to essential utility services for low-income households, communities of color, immigrants, and rural communities.

The Energy Policy Analyst will serve as TURN’s second in-house expert in support of TURN’s legal team on cutting edge energy policy issues. The successful candidate will provide data and policy analysis; support, draft and present testimony in cases before the CPUC; and help to develop policies at the forefront of utility regulatory issues. We seek a talented and motivated individual with a technical background in energy and economics/ finance, including strong quantitative skills, who is committed to holding energy providers accountable, advancing clean energy policy and promoting safe utility service at affordable rates.

Areas of Responsibility

TURN is seeking an Energy Policy Analyst candidate who can demonstrate experience and aptitude in as many of the following areas as possible:

- Analyze utility cost forecasts for utility operations and capital investments;
- Evaluate utility marginal cost analyses for purposes of allocating costs between customer classes;
- Perform bill impact analyses of alternative rate designs;
- Evaluate consumer impacts of wholesale energy market designs;
- Develop policies and methods for evaluating the costs and benefits of distributed energy resource investments;
- Evaluate the role of the regulated utility in competitive markets such as solar energy and electric vehicles;
- Perform avoided cost analyses and cost-effectiveness analyses of alternative utility programs;
- Analyze utility risk assessment and risk mitigation models for purposes of recommending cost effective programs to promote safe utility operation;

- Review utility testimony and workpapers in CPUC cases and drafting information requests to utilities;
- Prepare written testimony on behalf of TURN in CPUC cases and defending the testimony in response to cross-examination at CPUC evidentiary hearings;
- Draft summaries and reports for TURN’s website, online alerts, newsletters, and fundraising and program related materials;
- Analyze and recommend TURN’s position on relevant legislative proposals;

Desired Qualifications

The ideal Energy Policy Analyst candidate will have the following training and skills:

- Graduate degree in economics, energy resources, public policy, engineering or related field;
- Expert proficiency in Excel database and modeling and other computer analytic tools;
- Understanding of the regulated natural gas and electric industry;
- Commitment to achieving economic and racial justice, and experience working in multiracial and multilingual organizations ;
- Demonstrated interest in utility and energy issues in California;
- Ability to write clearly about complex issues with minimal supervision;
- Excellent oral communication skills;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Ability to work on multiple projects under mandatory deadlines;

Salary/Benefits

- 1) Salary depending on experience. TURN’s salaries are competitive with those offered by social change organizations and public interest law firms.
- 2) 100% employer paid premium for employee health, dental, and vision and additional benefits for all members of employee family.
- 3) TURN provides generous annual leave, retirement contributions, and other benefits.

Application Process

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, writing samples and resume to: TURNJobs@icloud.com with “Energy Policy Analyst” in subject line. Position is available immediately, and open until filled.

The Utility Reform Network is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. We welcome and encourage applications from those who will enhance our staff diversity.