

POSITION:

Energy Operations Analyst – Energy Operations Department
Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS)- Columbia, SC
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HIRING SALARY:

Based on experience.

ORS MISSION:

The ORS represents the public interest in utility regulation. The public interest, as defined by the South Carolina General Assembly, is as follows:

The concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer, and preservation of continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high-quality utility services.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Energy Operations Department performs a wide variety of analytical, evaluative research and administrative functions in the regulation of investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities. This position will support the state's electric industry restructuring efforts including researching FERC requirements, cost implications, resource planning and reliability impacts as well as interpreting and implementing state law and regulation changes.

This position will be responsible for assessing electric utilities' compliance with all state and federal laws, regulations and company policies. Candidates will coordinate, prepare and submit various reports, testimonies, and other correspondence to regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over utility facilities and operations, including, but not limited to, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission). This position has a direct impact on the customers of regulated utilities in the state of South Carolina.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare and assists in the preparation of testimony and exhibits for formal regulatory proceedings before the Public Service Commission of SC.
- Analyze and research electric industry restructuring efforts and the impacts on customers and reliable service. Analysis and research efforts may include the following restructuring activities:
 - 1) Formation or participation in a regional transmission organization;
 - 2) Divestiture of generation or transmission assets;
 - 3) Retail choice of electric service provider;
 - 4) Redesign of distribution operators;
 - 5) Acceleration of emissions reductions;
 - 6) Formation of joint dispatch agreements; and
 - 7) Review of customer rate structures and regulatory framework.
- Analyze and interpret state and federal regulatory legislation, proposals, and other relevant material.
- Analysis of regulatory proceedings including:
 - 1) Testimony, reports, discovery responses;
 - 2) Cost of service studies and cost recovery proposals;
 - 3) Depreciation studies, forecasting expenses, revenues, and sales;
 - 4) Annual revenue requirements;
 - 5) Utility rate design;

- 6) Utility financial reporting; and
- 7) Utility research on various topics.

- Coordinates and collaborates with ORS departments, outside agencies, utilities and various stakeholders; serves as a liaison with public and private organizations; provides information and serves as a resource.

EXPERIENCE/KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS:

- Ability to conduct independent research on complex issues involving policy, economic, financial or technical matters.
- Ability to apply regulations, requirements and policies applicable to the subject matter or issue.
- Ability to write clear and concise memoranda, reports or other materials appropriate for various audiences.
- Ability to speak in a clear and concise manner appropriate to the audience and testimony before the Public Service Commission of SC. Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written skills.
- Ability to develop and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with various stakeholders.
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- Confer with regulated utility representatives (executives, attorneys, operating personnel, etc.) and other external parties on issues related to electric utility regulation.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited college or university in accounting, business, finance, engineering (mechanical, electrical, civil) or other related field.
- Knowledge of electric restructuring and regional transmission organization structure including FERC regulations.
- Understanding of regulatory principles and state or federal energy regulations applicable to investor-owned public utilities.
- Proficiency using current technology and computer software.
- Maintain high degree of personal and professional ethics at all times.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Advanced degree from an accredited college or university in accounting, business, finance, mechanical, electrical, or civil engineering.
- One to Three years of professional experience related to the analyses or operation of regulated public utilities including experience in restructured electric markets and FERC rules and regulations.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Position requires travel, out of town lodging, and attendance at night hearings.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- All ORS employees are required to attend ethics training annually for continued employment.
- Must be able to lift 20 pounds and climb a 10 foot ladder.
- Employee's hours will be 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, minimum.
- ORS offices are located in Columbia, South Carolina