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NOTICE OF POSITION VACANCY #21-071

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Application Deadline: July 8, 2021

Job Description and Qualifications for:

**SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
FOR CLEAN ENERGY
(Two-Year Position)**

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT BUREAU
ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Attorney General Maura Healey will host a highly motivated attorney as a Special Assistant Attorney General for Clean Energy for a two-year position in connection with legal fellowships sponsored by the New York University School of Law State Energy & Environmental Impact Center (State Impact Center). The Special Assistant Attorney General for Clean Energy will be a part of Attorney General Healey's Energy & Telecommunications Division (ETD) within the Energy & Environment Bureau. The attorney selected for this opportunity will provide a supplemental, in-house resource to Attorney General Healey, the Energy & Environment Bureau, and ETD with a focus on the clean energy future, climate change, energy justice, and other energy matters of regional and national importance.

ETD advocates on behalf of the customers of Massachusetts' electric, gas, telephone, and water companies. This advocacy includes representing customers on energy issues in the region and nationally. ETD's regional and federal work covers a wide range of topics, including:

- wholesale electric and gas markets and rates;
- renewable energy, distributed generation, and grid modernization;
- reliability and planning;
- power marketing/brokering and load aggregation;
- electric vehicles and storage;
- energy infrastructure and siting (e.g., gas pipelines, electric transmission lines); and
- energy efficiency and demand response.

ETD represents consumers in state and federal courts, as well as administrative agencies such as the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). ETD is a member of the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) and chairs the Consumer Liaison Committee at ISO-New England (ISO-NE).

The non-partisan State Impact Center supports state attorneys general in defending and promoting clean energy, climate, and environmental laws and policies. More information about the State Impact Center can be found [here](#).

Primary Duties: The Special Assistant Attorney General will perform highly advanced legal work which might include serving as lead or co-counsel in energy litigation in federal and state courts; analyzing regional and national energy issues; strategizing and developing action plans; collaborating with other New England stakeholders; conducting in-depth analysis and preparation of legal memoranda; interpreting laws and regulations; providing legal advice; assisting in preparing legal notices, briefs, comment letters, and other associated litigation and regulatory documents; and investigating and prosecuting civil energy enforcement cases of regional or national significance. In addition, the Special Assistant Attorney General will coordinate with the State Impact Center and interested allies on legal, regulatory, and communications efforts regarding clean energy, climate change, energy justice, and other energy issues. The principal focus of the selected attorneys' workload will be clean energy, climate, energy justice, and energy litigation and policy of national or regional significance, but they will also contribute to the other work of ETD, as needed and assigned.

Position Requirements: Applicants should have four years of experience in clean energy, climate change, energy justice, and other energy issues with preference for relevant experience in legal or policy issues of regional or national importance. Applicants should have strong litigation and/or regulatory experience with preference for experience on issues related to gas and electric wholesale markets, transmission, and rates and matters before the FERC and Regional Transmission Organizations. Experience working in state or federal government and the ability to work with partner organizations and to help build coalitions is preferred. Strong writing, editing, research, and verbal communication skills are required, as is the ability to work well and with enthusiasm within a team in a fast-paced environment. A history of professional commitment to public service or public interest work is preferred.

Must be a member of the Massachusetts bar. Additional admission to other courts (such as the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit) is preferred. The selected candidate will be responsible for the payment of his or her own bar registration dues.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a connection to the people and communities we serve, and an interest in supporting a respectful and inclusive work environment.

Position Type: This position is considered a Special Assistant Attorney General/Volunteer Attorney under an agreement between the New York University (NYU) School of Law State Energy & Environmental Impact Center (State Impact Center) and the Attorney General's Office for the benefit of the Commonwealth. The selected attorney will not be an employee of the Attorney General's Office, but will work under the direction of and owe a duty of loyalty to the Attorney General's Office. The term of the position is two years.

Salary: Salary and benefits for this position, including health care benefits, are provided by the NYU School of Law. The salary will be consistent with that of an Assistant Attorney General, which is based on JD year and experience.

Application Process: To apply for this position, visit the AGO website at www.mass.gov/ago/employment to register and create a profile, upload your cover letter, resume, and a recent writing sample, and submit an application. Candidates may only apply directly using the AGO's online Employment and Recruitment jobs portal.

Qualified individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. We will gladly assist applicants who are in

need of an accommodation. For assistance, contact the Human Resources Division at (617) 963-2041.

Inquiries regarding position & status may be made to:

Nathan Forster, Chief, Energy and Telecommunications Division
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