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NOTICE OF POSITION VACANCY #23-017

Date Posted: August 30, 2022

Application Deadline: September 27, 2022

Job Description and Qualifications for:

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT BUREAU

Attorney General Maura Healey is looking for a highly motivated litigation attorney to join her team as an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General's Energy & Telecommunications Division (ETD).

ETD advocates on behalf of the customers of Massachusetts' electric, gas, telephone, and water companies. See G.L. c. 12, § 11E. ETD's advocacy covers a wide range of topics, including:

- The rates, charges, and prices paid by Massachusetts consumers;
- Electric vehicles and storage;
- Offshore wind and hydroelectric procurement;
- Gas pipeline infrastructure and planning;
- Consumer protection;
- Electric and gas service quality;
- Renewable energy and distributed generation;
- Grid modernization and climate change preparedness;
- Energy efficiency and demand response;
- Solar generation and net metering, and;
- Storms and emergency response.

ETD represents consumers in state and federal courts, as well as administrative regulatory bodies, such as the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU), Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission. ETD also represents ratepayer interests in the New England Power Pool stakeholder process and chairs the Consumer Liaison Committee at ISO-New England.

<u>Primary Duties</u>: The Assistant Attorney General will be responsible for performing legal work for ETD, which includes serving as lead or co-counsel in litigation before the DPU and federal and state courts; preparing legal notices, briefs, comment letters, and other associated litigation and regulatory documents; conducting in-depth analysis and preparing legal memoranda regarding energy, water, or telecommunication-related topics; working with subject matter experts; interpreting laws and regulations; providing legal advice; strategizing and developing action plans; and investigating and prosecuting civil energy enforcement cases.

Position Requirements: Successful applicants must have at least one of the following qualifications: (1) at least one year of civil or criminal litigation experience; (2) at least one year of experience in connection with the regulation of gas, electric, water, telecommunications, broadband, and/or cable companies; or (3) at least one year of other regulatory or administrative law experience analogous to ETD's work. Additional years of experience in any of the aforementioned practice areas is also desirable. The position requires an aptitude for litigation of technical issues with emphasis on those involving economic, financial, and accounting issues. Litigation experience in the field of public utility regulation or energy law is desirable, as is substantially similar experience in complex litigation. A demonstrated ability to quickly and successfully learn previously unfamiliar concepts and material is preferred. Strong writing, editing, research, and verbal communication skills are required, as is the ability to work well and within a team in a fast-paced environment. Must be admitted to the Massachusetts Bar. 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.

<u>Please Note</u>: COVID-19 vaccines are required of all AGO employees. Absent an approved medical or religious accommodation or pregnancy exemption, all new hires must be fully vaccinated prior to beginning employment with the AGO. Additionally, new hires are required to receive their first booster shot prior to the start of their employment, or within 30 days of eligibility, absent an approved medical or religious accommodation or pregnancy exemption. Our hybrid model includes some telework days for most positions.

<u>Position Type</u>: Full-Time/Exempt

Salary: Salary is based on JD year and experience.

<u>Application Process</u>: To apply for this position, visit the AGO website's jobs portal at <u>www.mass.gov/ago/employment</u> to register and create a profile, upload your cover letter and resume, 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 in need of an accommodation. For assistance, contact the Human Resources Division at (617) 963-2041.

Inquiries regarding position & status may be made to: Maria Patricelli, Managing Administrative Assistant Energy & Environment Bureau (617) 963-2437 The Attorney General's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As the representative of the Commonwealth and its residents, the Attorney General's Office strives to ensure that those working in our office reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. The Office encourages applicants from a broad spectrum of backgrounds to apply for positions.