



**Economic Analyst**  
Hallowell, Maine, United States | Business Administration | Full-time | Partially remote  
Apply by: Oct. 28, 2022

**Economic Analyst**

**Office of the Public Advocate**

**(Anticipated Vacancy)**

**Opening Date: September 29, 2022**

**Closing Date: October 28, 2022**

**Job Class Code: OM02**

**Salary Grade: 36**

**Salary Range: \$85,051.20– \$115,835.20/Annually**

**Position Number: 095500015**

The State of Maine Executive Department, Office of the Public Advocate is seeking self-motivated candidates to fill its anticipated full-time position for an Economic Analyst to determine/recommend fair and reasonable rate levels and adequate financial policies.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Investigates/evaluates financial structure, policies and operation of utility companies in perspective with current market expectations/assumptions and future trends.
- Develops/prepares own testimony and questioning for utility witnesses with staff counsel and testifies at PUC hearings and federal regulatory agencies to determine/recommend fair and reasonable rate levels and adequate financial policies.
- Researches/studies/analyzes utility company's supporting documentation/proposal to determine the type and extent of disposition activity.
- Reports periodically on utility companies' financial/policy management and their impact with respect to Maine ratepayers.
- Examines utility rate design proposals with respect to their effect on efficient economic behavior and other policy objectives.
- Examines existing requirements and proposed modifications to such requirements made in state, regional and federal forums with respect to their potential impact on ratepayers.
- Advises Public Advocate, Deputy Advocate and Senior Counsel regarding the disposition of applications for increased rates, issuance of securities and the impact on ratepayers.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Economics or Finance plus three [3] years of progressively responsible professional experience in economics or finance.

For further job description detail, please visit our website: <http://www.maine.gov/meopa/> (<http://www.maine.gov/meopa/>)

**Benefits:**

No matter where you work across Maine state government, you find employees who embody our state motto—"Dirigo" or "I lead"—as they provide essential services to the people of Maine.

- **Work-Life Balance** – Rest is essential. Take time for yourself using **13 paid holidays, 12 days of sick leave, and 3+ weeks of vacation leave** annually. Vacation leave is accrued at the rate of 1.5 days per month.
- **Health Insurance Coverage** – The State of Maine pays **85%-100%** of employee-only premiums (\$10,996.70-\$12,937.34 annual value), depending on salary rates. For more information, visit the Office of Employee Health and Wellness at <http://www.maine.gov/ehw/>.
- **Health Insurance Premium Credit** – Participation decreases employee-only premiums by 5%. Visit the Office of Employee Health and Wellness for more information at <http://www.maine.gov/ehw/>.
- **Dental Insurance** – The State of Maine pays 100% of employee-only dental premiums (\$379.60 annual value).
- **Retirement Plan** – The State of Maine contributes **17.96% of pay** to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS), on behalf of the employee.
- **Gym Membership Reimbursement** – Improve overall health with regular exercise and receive up to \$40 per month to offset this expense.
- **Health and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts** – Set aside money pre-tax to help pay for out-of-pocket health care expenses and/or daycare expenses.
- **Public Service Student Loan Forgiveness** – The State of Maine is a qualified employer for this federal program. For more information, visit the Federal Student Loan Forgiveness website at <http://www.flslof.gov/>.

- **Living Resources Program** – Navigate challenging work and life situations with our employee assistance program.
- **Parental leave** is one of the most important benefits for any working parent. All employees who are welcoming a child—including fathers and adoptive parents (and-Responsibilities-Federal).
- **Voluntary Deferred Compensation** – Save additional pre-tax funds for retirement in a MaineSaves 457(b) account through payroll deductions.
- Learn about **additional wellness benefits** for State employees from the Office of Employee Health and Wellness (<https://www.maine.gov/bhr/oe/>).

*Maine State Government is an Equal Opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. W*

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