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. The position is responsible for determining and recommending 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 prospects.
- Develops/prepares own testimony and questioning for utility witnesses with staff counsel and testifies at PUC hearings and federal regulatory agencies to support the Office of the Public Advocate.
- 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.
- Advises Public Advocate, Deputy Advocate and Senior Counsel regarding the disposition of applications for increased rates, issuance of securities and the timing of those issues.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Economics or Finance plus three (3) years of progressively responsible professional experience in economics or related fields. For further job description detail, please visit our website: 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 daily.

- 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. Vacations increase each year depending on salary assumptions and future performance.
- 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. Visit the Office of Employee Health and Wellness for more information.
- 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. Visit the Maine PERS website for more information.
- 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 costs.
- Public Service Student Loan Forgiveness – The State of Maine is a qualified employer for this federal program. More information, visit the Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Program website.
- **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—
- **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/oeh/](https://www.maine.gov/bhr/oeh/)).

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

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