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**National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (“NASUCA”)
Seeks Deputy Director - Policy**

POSITION SPECIFICATION

Position: Deputy Director - Policy

Location: This is a remote position. Employee will work and travel from their home.

Background

NASUCA is an association of 61 consumer advocate offices, including statutorily authorized offices from 42 states and the District of Columbia, Barbados and Puerto Rico, as well as other recognized non-profit utility advocates including The Utility Reform Network of California (TURN), Citizens Utility Boards in several states, AARP and the National Consumer Law Center. NASUCA’s full members are designated by the laws of their respective jurisdictions to represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts. The offices focus on the electricity, gas, telephone, cable, water, and wastewater industries, reviewing a variety of issues including affordable rates, consumer protection issues, service quality, reliability, price stability, and the interface of regulation and environmental policy. NASUCA assists member offices and coordinates among them to promote an exchange of information relating to these issues and interacts with federal agencies and other national organizations involved in utility regulation to represent consumer interests. NASUCA holds two association meetings each year for the full membership and regular meetings throughout the year of its Executive Committee, the Heads of Offices, and six substantive working committees. NASUCA is currently seeking to fill the position of Deputy Director - Policy.

Position Overview

The Deputy Director – Policy will support NASUCA’s Executive Director in all aspects of achieving the strategic and operational success of the organization and supporting the mission to advocate for consumers, provide a forum for members to exchange ideas, improve consumer representation at the state and federal levels, and encourage greater consumer participation in the regulatory process. The Deputy Director will help maintain an ongoing dialogue and relationship with NASUCA members and member offices, support NASUCA committees and assist in programming member activities and the two annual association meetings. This position will support member interests at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as well as member interests with Congress, other federal agencies, national organizations, and other strategic partners. Finally, this position will interact and represent NASUCA interests at meetings, conferences, workshops and any other projects and collaboratives with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

This is a remote position. The applicant should be able to work independently from home. The applicant must demonstrate strong communication and organizational skills.

Travel is required. The applicant can expect to travel two NASUCA annual association meetings, multiple NARUC meetings and other meetings and conferences as required.

Responsibilities

The Deputy Director will assist the Executive Director in all aspects of meeting association objectives and meeting member needs. Responsibilities will include, but not be limited to:

- Participate in and assist the NASUCA committee process, assist committee chairs as needed in finding speakers, doing research, identifying, and drafting needed policy for consideration by the membership.
- Track key regulatory and policy issues at the Federal and State levels, as well as Congressional activities germane to NASUCA; and keep NASUCA’s members continually informed of these developments.
- Manage NASUCA FERC presence, monitor developments on transmission, market development, regional transmission organizations and other issues relevant to the membership, organize and help draft NASUCA responses to FERC dockets, and interact with other strategic partners on these issues.
- Act as liaison with NARUC, providing NASUCA input and presence on projects, while working to ensure other NASUCA members have the opportunity to participate in NARUC projects.
- Act as liaison with applicable Federal and State regulatory agencies, industry groups, and other organizations, to provide timely input into their processes.
- Help plan and execute NASUCA’s two annual meetings.
- Help manage NASUCA’s DOE grant work.

- Help to formulate and facilitate policy positions taken by NASUCA; communicate positions taken by NASUCA via traditional and social media, NASUCA’s website, NASUCA meetings, and governmental and industry forums.
- Follow up on all Executive Committee directives and report progress; timely respond to all requests from NASUCA members and stakeholders.
- Attend and represent NASUCA at governmental and industry meetings as directed; monitor the activities of those meetings and provide summaries of outside meetings and events to the Executive Committee.
- Other duties as assigned.

Professional Experience and Qualifications

The preferred candidate is someone with knowledge and/or experience in utility regulation on both the state and federal level, should understand the consumer advocate perspective, preferably having worked in a NASUCA office and participated in NASUCA activities. The preferred candidate will have gained some national experience and have some sense of the regional differences in regulatory frameworks and priorities of member offices. The preferred candidate will have experience practicing before, or knowledge of the FERC and related experience with the operation and regulation of Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO’s). Finally, the preferred candidate will also have experience attending meetings, conferences, and workshops, or otherwise interacting with the NARUC commissioners and staff.

While the preferred candidate should have this experience, NASUCA encourages applications even where not all these skills are present. A bachelor’s degree is required. A graduate degree or post-graduate work in an appropriate field (such as economics, law, engineering, or public administration) is desirable.

COMPENSATION AND WORK REQUIREMENTS:

The position offers competitive compensation and an attractive benefits package, with the convenience of working from home.

APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS:

Applicants should email a current resume in Word format and a summary of relevant experience/credentials by May 31, 2024, with the subject heading “NASUCA Deputy Director Position to:

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Questions can also be directed to Mr. Springe at this email address.