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**Unclassified Job Announcement**

**REGULATORY ECONOMIST**

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Regulatory Economist for the Regulatory Operations, Resource & Market Analysis Division. This is an unclassified full-time exempt position within Nevada State Government.

**About the PUCN:** The PUCN is a regulatory agency that ensures investor-owned utilities comply with laws enacted by the Nevada Legislature. For more information about the agency, please visit the PUCN website at <http://puc.nv.gov>.

**The Positions Key Areas of Responsibility:**

- Performs applied economic research on a wide range of matters related to the short-term and long-term forecasting of loads and other billing determinates of public utilities, to include: competitive policy analysis, market analysis, cost analysis, and rate structure analysis of various aspects of utility issues (e.g., telecommunications, electric, gas, water and sewer).
- Evaluates, analyzes and interprets utility data such as load data to explain the impact of economic factors, weather, and energy efficiency programs on customer usage and overall utility loads.
- Evaluate and analyze a utility's resource plan and provide an economic analysis.
- Evaluate and analyze a utility's conservation and efficiency plan, and develop recommendations to the Commission and the utility.
- Evaluate a utility's cost of service study and rate design, and develop recommendations to the Commission and the utility.
- Conduct a rate of return on investment, financial and macroeconomic analyses to develop a reasonable rate of return and financing for a utility.
- Review a utility's contracts including renewable PPA and affiliate transactions and contracts.
- Conduct an analysis of a merger and transfer of control.
- Be familiar with recent developments at the federal agencies as well as in other state jurisdictions.
- Conduct a study of a regulated industry in terms of the competitiveness and efficient industry structure.
- Interacts with other economists, engineers, policy analysts, and legal staff in the development and implementation of regulatory policy.
- Provides written testimony and orally defends testimony for proceedings brought before the Commission; and serves as an expert witness.
- Analyzes issues and evaluates other parties' written and oral testimony for accuracy, logic and consistency with existing Commission policy, state statutes and regulations, and writes rebuttal testimony based upon analysis.
- Prepares and presents testimony to legislative committees.
- Make presentations to various state, local and federal agencies.
- May be expected to perform additional job-related duties and to have or develop additional specific job-related knowledge and skills.

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**Skills Required:**

Must be highly professional, well-organized, self-motivated, and possess leadership skills. Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision as well as in a team environment in collaboration with other analysts, auditors, economists, engineers, and legal staff; compile and summarize information and prepare correspondence, periodic or special reports related to assignments; and contribute effectively to the accomplishment of the team or agency goals, objectives, and activities. Must possess skill in effective written and verbal communication; must be able to collaboratively or as a team complete writing assignments; required skills also include planning, prioritizing and executing timelines without the need for supervision. Must be available for travel (typically up to 25% of the time).

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Doctorate degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in economics, econometrics, finance or a closely related field and two years of professional level experience in energy or telecommunications economics or regulation; OR a Masters degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in economics, econometrics, finance or a closely related field and five years professional level experience in energy or telecommunications regulation; OR An equivalent combination of education and experience.

**Approx. Annual Salary Up To \$88,544** (Salary reflects retirement (PERS) contributions by both the employee and the employer. An employer paid contribution plan is also available with a reduced gross salary.) Salary offers are based on a wide array of factors such as a candidate's experience, skills, and education. Once hired, salary growth within the job classification will be based on performance development and budget availability. Please note: The salary listed does not include the 2% Cost of Living increase, effective July 1, 2016, which will increase the approximate annual salary up to \$90,315.

**Benefits:** The State benefits package includes enrollment into the Public Retirement System ([www.nvpers.org](http://www.nvpers.org)), a choice of health insurance plans ([www.pebp.state.nv.us](http://www.pebp.state.nv.us)), eleven paid holidays, and paid annual leave and sick leave, after appropriate waiting periods. Other optional benefits are also available, including a deferred compensation program.

**Position Location:** The position will be located in Carson City.

**Resumes Will Be Accepted Until:** Recruitment Needs Are Satisfied

**Submit Cover Letter, Writing Sample and Resume / Direct Inquiries To:**

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Email [amscott@puc.nv.gov](mailto:amscott@puc.nv.gov)

In subject line please reference: **Regulatory Economist**

In your cover letter please indicate how you heard about the position. If you heard about this position through a website, please specify which website.

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