POSITION TITLE: Special Counsel (may be underfilled as a Senior Deputy Attorney General depending upon experience with subject matter).

APPROXIMATE SALARY: Will vary with level at which the position is filled and will be discussed at interview.

DUTY STATION: This position is housed in the office of the Colorado River Commission in Las Vegas, Nevada.

POSITION STATUS: Exempt (FLSA); serves at the will of the Attorney General contingent upon successfully passing a background check.

POSITION SUMMARY: The person in this position will be responsible for representing the Colorado River Commission ("CRC") in matters affecting the State of Nevada's interest and involvement in the Colorado River, focusing on hydroelectric energy resources, supplemental power purchased on the energy market, and construction and operation of electric facilities. This position also will work on natural resource issues on the Colorado River which may include river operations, environmental compliance, and projects such as the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, the Glen Canyon Adaptative Management Program, 2007 Interim Surplus Guidelines, Drought Contingency Plan and matters concerning Mexico under the 1944 Mexican Water Treaty. The position may involve litigation and transactional matters. This position may further be responsible for representing an agency or agencies in addition to the CRC.
POSITION CHARACTERISTICS: This is an attorney position, and the successful applicant is expected to be able to perform independently with skill, responsibility, and self-motivation. The ideal candidate will have experience in negotiating and drafting complex contracts and agreements, as well as experience and familiarity with energy and utilities law, water law, environmental law and natural resource law and experience with related administrative proceedings, as well as litigation experience. Experience with legislative matters and familiarity with Nevada’s Open Meeting Law is a plus.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Typical duties of the position include preparing contracts principally involving energy supply, interconnection, construction of public utilities, goods and personnel services; compliance with state contracting requirements, legislative and regulation drafting; administrative proceedings principally involving the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada; reviewing CRC agendas and minutes; advising on administrative matters; and natural resource issues. The position also requires research and writing of draft opinions and providing legal counsel to the client pertaining to routine government operations, and attending a variety of stakeholder meetings.

QUALIFICATIONS

KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED: Preference will be given to candidates with knowledge of substantive law and regulation in the areas of contract law, evolving electric energy markets, public utilities, natural resources, environmental law, and/or water law. Other requirements include knowledge of computer applications, particularly as related to the performance of legal research.

REQUIRED: Applicants must possess good written and verbal communication skills; contract drafting experience, and organizational and negotiation skills; be able to analyze legal problems and properly apply legal principles to resolve problems; and be able to advise clients on legal, transactional, and utilities issues. Applicants must be professional, well organized, self-motivated, highly collaborative, ethical, and punctual and prompt.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: This position requires mobility to work in a typical office setting and use standard office equipment; and to travel to client offices and courts in various parts of the State. The position will also require some out of state travel. It also requires vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone. The applicant must be able to speak in a clear and understandable manner, and to hear and respond to questions posed. Accommodations may be made for some of these physical demands for otherwise qualified individuals who require and request such accommodation.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Applicants must possess a certificate of admission to the Bar of the State of Nevada and be eligible to practice law before the courts of the State of Nevada and the federal district and appellate courts. Applicants also should have at least ten years of experience as a practicing attorney.
This position announcement lists the major duties and requirements of the job and is not all-inclusive. The incumbent may be expected to perform additional job-related duties and may be required to have or develop additional specific job-related knowledge and skills.

Interested applicants should e-mail or mail a cover letter (to include how you heard about position), resume and writing sample to:

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