



Job Details: Legal Service

Job Title: **Attorney Advisor (Utility Regulation)**

Location: 655 15th Street, suite 200, Washington, DC

Remote: 3 days in, 2 days Telework

Pay Rate: \$122,218.00 - \$144,431.00

This position is **not** in a collective bargaining unit

How to Apply:

Send resume and cover letter to HR@OPC-DC.GOV

We are an independent agency of the District of Columbia government. The Office of the People's Counsel is headed by the People's Counsel. By law, the People's Counsel is the advocate for consumers of natural gas, electric, and telephone services in the District. District of Columbia law designates the Office as a party to all utility-related proceedings before the Public Service Commission. The Office represents the interests of District ratepayers before federal regulatory agencies and establishes agency goals, objectives, policies, and legal strategies.

We are looking for candidates who are positive, motivated, enthusiastic, and flexible. We offer a travel stipend for public transportation and an attractive benefits package, including up to 8 weeks of paid family leave, plus free dental and vision benefits. We are an agency dedicated to professional development and encourage employees to participate in industry learning activities. We are family-friendly and promote a work-life balance. If this sounds like a place for you, come join our team.

Description:

Case Management: The incumbent is responsible for managing assigned cases and matters related to proceedings involving complex issues regarding the rates, terms, and conditions of service of natural gas, electric, water, and telephone utilities; clean energy; developing policies to benefit utility consumers and reviewing and analyzing opposing parties' pleadings.

The incumbent will also be required to provide guidance to lower-graded attorneys in the development of case strategies and legislative initiatives when litigation is undertaken, the incumbent is responsible for preparing, presenting, or providing legal guidance during the litigation of OPC's case before the Commission, federal agencies or appellate courts.

The incumbent will also work with technical consultants in examining and outlining the factual and legal issues, drafting discovery and discovery responses, and developing exhibits.

The incumbent must maintain knowledge of emerging public utility issues, cases, and legal developments and provide the Directorate with weekly reports on case activity.

Legislative and Agency Rule Review: Evaluates existing and proposed local and federal legislation in terms of its impact on OPC's policies, including safety, affordability, reliability, and sustainability. Drafts new or amends existing local legislation to advance OPC's policy positions. Similar functions are performed with respect to existing and proposed local rules, regulations, or policies applicable to proceedings to which OPC is a party.

The Attorney Advisor specific duties will include: preparing, presenting, and providing legal guidance on assigned cases to aid the People's Counsel and Deputy People's Counsel informing the Agency's policy and legal positions; drafting pleadings, motions and memos incident to the litigation of the case, conduct of a working group, or significant policy developments; participating in pre-trial, prehearing, or technical conferences; arguing motions before the Commission and, if needed cross-examining witnesses; assist other attorneys in preparation for trial; collaborating with technical consultants and outside counsel in examining and outlining the factual and legal issues, drafting discovery and discovery responses, and developing exhibits; reviewing and serving discovery; collaborating with other parties and stakeholders on shared litigation positions; maintaining a working knowledge of emerging public utility issues, cases, and legal developments; and providing the People's Counsel and Deputy People's Counsel with weekly reports on case activity. Requirements:

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- Must be a graduate of law school fully accredited by the American Bar Association.
- Must be an active member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar or have the ability to waive in and be admitted within 360 days of appointment.
- A minimum of 5 years as a practicing attorney.
- In-depth knowledge of utility regulatory principles and policies, especially in the area of energy regulation.
- Demonstrated ability to interpret and disseminate complex technical information to both adjudicators, practitioners, and the public.
- Demonstrated skills in persuasive written communication and drafting legal litigation documents (e.g. pleadings, motions, regulatory comments, briefs).
- Demonstrated experience with an extensive range of litigation skills, including skills related to drafting and reviewing discovery; motions practice; drafting memos, briefs, and pleading; and participating in settlement discussions.
- Oral advocacy experience and comfort speaking in varied settings, ranging from working groups, and conferences, to hearings.

- Ability to communicate with all consumers and staff of government agencies, including the ability to listen and relate to differing viewpoints.
- Strong interpersonal and consensus-building skills, including the ability to work collaboratively and respectfully with colleagues, consumers, parties, and stakeholders from diverse backgrounds.
- Expertise in conducting detailed legal research and in analyzing the impact of legal issues/findings/rulings on consumers and an agency's policy positions.
- Demonstrated knowledge of District and Federal laws, regulations, guidelines, principles, practices, and techniques, especially with respect to utility regulation.
- Experience with clean energy, energy efficiency, climate regulation, and environmental justice initiatives is a plus.

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