



OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL

#21-05
OPEN: July 2, 2021
CLOSE: Until Filled

ATTORNEY
(Assistant Public Counsel)
(Attorney II - IV)
Monthly Salary: \$4,585 - \$7,085
(Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience)
(More than one position may be filled from this posting)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Attorney will represent the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) in complex administrative law proceedings, including contested case proceedings, rulemaking proceedings, and appeals of regulatory agency decisions before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) and state courts. The Attorney must have administrative law experience preferably in the electric and/or water utility industries in Texas; experience with regulatory and contested case litigation; strong ability to interpret laws, regulations, rules, and policy decisions; strong, advanced legal writing skills; strong communication and interpersonal skills, and ability to exercise independent judgment and initiative.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- Represents OPUC in complex administrative law proceedings, including contested case proceedings and rulemaking proceedings, in the electric and water utility industries before the PUCT and SOAH
- Leads representation in complex administrative law litigation, including preparation for and trial of electric and water utility rate-related cases; developing motions, pleadings, briefs, and other legal documents; working with expert witnesses to develop written expert testimony; conducting discovery and depositions; working with other attorneys assigned to the case; and developing and executing litigation strategy
- Leads representation in complex rulemaking proceedings, including analyzing and interpreting existing rules and proposed rule amendments; developing comments, and working with other attorneys and/or staff assigned to the proceeding

- Leads representation in appeals of regulatory agency decisions before state courts, as needed
- Provides assistance with legal matters in the telecommunications industry, as needed
- Analyzes and interprets state and federal law, regulations, rules, and policy decisions
- Assists with analyzing and interpreting pending and passed legislation

REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Law degree from an accredited law school
- Licensed to practice law in Texas, with good standing at the State Bar of Texas
- Minimum of two years of administrative law litigation experience in Texas, including contested case proceedings, rulemaking proceedings, and appeals of regulatory agency decisions before state courts

REQUIRED:

A legal writing sample will be required from candidates that are interviewed by the Chief Executive and Public Counsel.

MILITARY OCCUPATION CODES:

http://www.hr.sao.texas.gov/Compensation/MilitaryCrosswalk/MOSC_Legal.pdf

Remarks:

- Candidates invited to interview may be required to submit a transcript and/or a writing sample.
- License to practice law in Texas of the selected candidate will be verified through the State Bar of Texas.
- The position may require additional work hours including evenings, weekends, and/or holidays to meet critical deadlines.
- More than one position may be filled under this posting.
- OPUC participates in E-verify and will provide to the Social Security Administration (SSA) and, if necessary, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), with information from each new employee's Form I-9 to confirm work authorization.
- A satisfactory driving record may be required for driving a state or personal vehicle to conduct agency business. Employees may have their driving record evaluated.
- Employees are required to comply with Office policies and provisions outlined in the employee handbook.
- The Office of Public Utility Counsel has a Post-Employment Restriction – details furnished upon request.

APPLICATION: Send State of Texas application and references to:

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