



New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

****This position may be eligible for telework up to two days per week****

POSTING NO.: 28-2024

EXISTING VACANCIES: One (1)

TITLE: Research Scientist 3

OPENING DATE: April 8, 2024

SALARY: \$72,014.33 – \$102,361.07

CLOSING DATE: April 19, 2024

WORKWEEK: 35 hours (NL)

DIVISION/LOCATION: Division of
Clean Energy – Grid Modernization

At the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”), you will be part of a highly effective and collaborative team working to ensure that safe, adequate, and proper utility services are provided to all members of the public who desire such services.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Under the supervision of the Director of the Division of Clean Energy or other supervisory position, the Research Scientist 3 position will assist the Grid Modernization team with the design, implementation, and administration of policies and programs to support the dramatic increase of distributed energy hosting capacity on the electric distribution grids in New Jersey.

WORK RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advance New Jersey’s clean energy programs, projects, and goals, with a particular emphasis on the Grid Modernization program. Support, learn from, and advance associated teams and projects within the Division of Clean Energy.
- Help develop and implement Grid Modernization policies and programs, and long term Roadmap documentation for the Division, including by performing the following:
 - Conducting complex policy analysis and research; collecting, compiling, synthesizing, and analyzing data;
 - Facilitating industry expert collaboration through workgroup management and online interaction and documentation development.
 - Utilizing utility reporting, research, and other modeling to assist in analyzing trends, comparing other State initiatives, performing annual program reviews, and making recommendations for changes to rules governing interconnection policies;
 - Developing reports comparing existing and alternative program policy proposals and recommendations for program improvements;
 - Drafting straw proposals, orders, memos, and other professional briefing materials to effectuate policy objectives;

- Briefing decision makers as needed;
- Assisting in managing consultants, procurements, and grants.

- Collaborate within the agency in all aspects of development and implementation of the Board's policies and programs. Collaborate with partner agencies in the implementation of relevant policies, programs, training, and education.

- In collaboration with the Division DER team, participate in the development, launch, and implementation of related programs that intersect with and rely on Grid Modernization development.

- Liaise with utilities, external partners, community members, and other interested stakeholders on the development of Grid Modernization programs. Work with stakeholders and provide effective outreach on Grid Modernization initiatives, including by assisting in running stakeholder meetings, collecting stakeholder feedback, and reviewing, summarizing, and drafting responses to written and verbal comments.

- Draft relevant regulations; review and prepare comments on relevant regulations and legislation.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.

EXPERIENCE: Two (2) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.

NOTE: A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.

RESUME NOTE: Eligibility determinations will be based upon information presented in resume and proof of degree submitted. Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency.

OPEN TO THE FOLLOWING: Open to New Jersey residents.

RESIDENCY LAW: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70), also known as the "New Jersey First Act," which became effective September 1, 2011, all persons newly hired by the Executive Branch on or after that date shall have one year from the date of employment to establish, and then maintain principal residence in the State of New Jersey.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: Selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Regulations. The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for citizenships or Visas to the United States.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, writing sample, a copy of the college transcript/diploma indicating the date the degree was conferred, if applicable, the State of New Jersey Employment Application and the Personal Relationships Disclosure Form ([Click Here](#) – listed under HR policies). Please make sure to include the posting number in the subject line via email. All documents must be submitted by the closing date shown above to the following:

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