

Engineer Policy Advisor (GOVEX)

Nature of Work

Conduct economic research to advise the Commission on policy initiatives and utility filings.

The Engineer will work directly with the Commissioners, the Office of Technical Analysis and Policy staff, and the Office of the Hearing Examiners, and Office of General Counsel.

This position offers the potential to have a significant impact on Commission rulemakings and decisions.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This position will report to the Director of the Office of Technical Analysis and Policy (OTAP) and will research tasks assigned to other offices and/or any one of the three Commissioners. The Engineer will:

- Conduct research and analysis on engineering, transmission and interconnection, and regulatory issues
- Assist the Commission with rulemakings on a variety of policy issues
- Collaborate with advisory staff and Commissioners on matters of policy and on open dockets
- Interface with PRC staff, parties to proceedings, and the public as appropriate
- Serve on internal PRC committees
- Assist the Commissioners with other matters as needed
- Serve as a proxy for Commissioners and or the Director of OTAP in regional transmission organization meetings or working groups related to FERC Order 1920 (as needed)
- May be involved in the development of regional transmission and reliability issues, and monitors and participates in organizations such as DOE, FERC, WECC, NERC, CREPC, and WIEB

Key Knowledge and Skills Required for Fully Competent Performance

- Excellent research / analytical skills, as well as written and verbal communication skills
- Experience creating and using spreadsheet financial models
- Ability to learn to use utility rate design spreadsheet models (cost-of-service, etc.)
- Ability to apply economic concepts to electric and gas utility rate design, and suggest rate designs that would lead to reduced costs and greater efficiencies

- Facility with cost/benefit analyses, and the ability to apply them to proposed utility projects
- Knowledge of statistics and ability to perform statistical analyses
- Analytical experience in energy/utility matters, or a keen interest in the subject area
- Ability to work independently and maintain positive interactions with PRC Commissioners and Staff

Education and Experience Standards:

Candidates must have either:

- a PhD in a relevant discipline (engineering, economics, business administration, accounting, public policy)
- a master's degree and at least one year of experience in the energy industry, utility regulation, or public administration,
- a bachelor's degree and at least two years of experience in the energy industry, utility regulation, and/or public administration.

FLSA status: Exempt

Salary: \$96,408.00 to \$128,209.12 plus benefits

Job Type: Full-time, Governor Exempt "at will" position

To apply:

Submit letter of interest, resume and three references to: Human Resources, sarahe.valencia@prc.nm.gov NMPRC P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269. This posting will close on August 08, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. MST and interviews will occur within the two weeks following.