



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.: 73-2023

EXISTING VACANCIES: One (1)

TITLE: Research Scientist 2 (Storage)

OPENING DATE: October 30, 2023

SALARY: \$79,848.66 – \$113,786.94

CLOSING DATE: November 17, 2023

WORKWEEK: 35 hours (NL)

DIVISION/LOCATION: Division of
Clean Energy

At the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), you will be part of a highly effective and collaborative team of dedicated professionals in the Division of Clean Energy at the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) working to achieve 100% clean energy and managing and coordinating the clean energy initiatives of the State of New Jersey, with a focus on our new program to provide incentives for energy storage. You will be working to implement the State’s [Energy Master Plan](#), statutory guidance, and Executive Orders, and will work with colleagues at other agencies and departments across State government to achieve New Jersey’s clean energy goals.

You will also be helping to grow the clean energy economy in New Jersey which will lead to long-term careers in clean energy for our residents, stimulate the economic growth of the state, and develop programs that will serve as a model for other states and the federal government to follow to transition our society to a just clean energy future.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Under the general direction of the Director of the Division of Clean Energy, the Research Scientist 2, Storage position will help to assist the Distributed Energy Resources team in the continued development, implementation, evaluation and administration of the Storage Incentive Program (SIP). In addition, the position will provide critical input in the continued optimization of the State’s Successor Solar Incentive (SuSI) Program and grid modernization efforts.

WORK RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and manage the State’s storage incentive structures, including the Storage Incentive Program and storage components of the SuSI program.
- Help develop related policies and programs for the Division, and assist in managing consultants, RFQs, grants, public meetings and stakeholder engagement, and program implementation.

- Assist in the management of distributed energy program compliance including petition processes and applicant requests.
- Collaborate within the agency in all aspects of the Board's policies, program development, and implementation. Collaborate with partner State agencies in the implementation of relevant policies, programs, training, and education; work with stakeholders and provide effective outreach on solar initiatives.
- Work with other BPU teams to develop, investigate, research, propose and implement new or modified storage policy and integrate with other clean energy initiatives and programs including but not limited to solar, e-mobility, interconnection initiatives and modernization of the grid toward optimizing renewable energy and distributed energy sources.
- Liaise with utilities, external partners, and community members and groups on the development of distributed energy programs. Draft straw proposals, orders and memos to effectuate policy objectives, conduct complex policy analysis and research including developing professional briefing materials. Assist in running stakeholder meetings, collecting stakeholder feedback and briefing decision-makers.
- Monitor the State's storage program administrator to ensure efficient and effective program oversight. Manage complaints process and make recommendations for regulatory changes to better oversee the industry and ensure appropriate consumer protections.
- Provide input to and support creation of required reporting to the legislature, Governor's Office, and other parties as appropriate.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in a discipline appropriate to the position. A degree (s) in policy, engineering, environment or science-related fields preferred. Master's degree preferred.

EXPERIENCE: Three (3) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position. Experience in the academic, energy, clean energy, environment, engineering, science or sustainability fields is preferred.

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

The successful candidate will possess and demonstrate a broad range of project management and leadership skills, including: strong written and oral communication skills; exceptional interpersonal skills; thorough problem analysis; creative thinking; and prudent decision-making and sound judgment. The ability to manage and develop projects, to effectively delegate and oversee staff, teams and efforts and lead interdepartmental cooperation. Proficiency and experience in analyzing and synthesizing complex information and data sets.

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.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations.

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.

SAME APPLICANTS: If you are applying under the NJ “SAME” program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME Program visit the following website at: <https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml>, email: SAME@csc.nj.gov or call at 833-691-0404.

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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