



**New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**  
44 South Clinton Avenue  
P.O. BOX 350  
Trenton, NJ 08625



## **NOTICE OF VACANCY**

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

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**POSTING NO.:** 77-2023

**EXISTING VACANCIES:** One (1)

**TITLE:** Research Economist 2

**OPENING DATE:** October 30, 2023

**SALARY:** \$69,579.06 – \$98,899.62

**CLOSING DATE:** November 17, 2023

**WORKWEEK:** 35 hours (NL)

**DIVISION/LOCATION:** Office of the  
Economist

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At the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), 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.

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**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Under general supervision of the Chief Economist or other supervisory position, performs the analysis and evaluation of internal operations, business practices, methods and techniques of the organization to determine optimal solutions and/or approaches to satisfy agency business needs/initiatives; provides recommendations in support of the agency’s business needs; does other related duties as required.

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### **WORK RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Assists with analysis of clean and renewable energy program and project proposals.
- Review and summarize testimony, assist in drafting discovery requests, and draft position memos, briefs and orders. Participate in settlement negotiations.
- Provides insight, advice and recommendations on utility regulatory issues including financing, mergers and acquisitions, corporate strategy and management, corporate financial planning and management and capital budgeting.
- Completes periodic reports outlining the status of proceedings, key issues, the Board’s position on subject matter to be submitted to the Chief Economist as requested, and completes updates as cases develop.
- Drafts and analyzes benefit-cost analyses.
- Assist with research to estimate, project, and forecast changes in employment, population, income, hours worked, supply and demand, industrial growth, and other indicators of economic activity.

- Collects and processes economic and statistical data, and organizes and interprets such data.
- Analyzes and interprets highly sensitive and/or non-routine data to evaluate economic factors; utilizes statistical software, and the application of modeling and trend analysis techniques.
- Assists with and occasionally takes the lead in designing projects which are components of a broader research effort.
- Evaluates results of research, and prepares recommendations for implementing or rejecting proposed solutions or plans.
- Conducts literature review on assigned topics and prepares summary of findings and conclusions.
- Maintains records and files.

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## **REQUIREMENTS**

**EDUCATION:** Possession of a Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, Industrial Relations, Public Administration, or Business Administration from an accredited college or university, including or supplemented by twelve (12) graduate credit hours in Economics.

**EXPERIENCE:** Two (2) years of comprehensive, technical research and analysis experience in the field of economics or a closely allied field having a strong economics orientation and which shall have included satisfactory completion of at least one (1) independently conducted economic research project of professional quality.

**NOTE:** A Master's thesis or other reports related to the academic program will not be considered fulfillment of the research project requirement.

**NOTE:** A Doctorate degree in Economics in an area which may include a majority of coursework related to economics may be substituted for indicated experience and research project.

**OPEN TO THE FOLLOWING:** Open to current State employees with permanent status in the competitive division, who meet the requirements and experience stated above.

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

**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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Office of Human Resources  
44 South Clinton Avenue  
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[humanresources@bpu.nj.gov](mailto:humanresources@bpu.nj.gov)**

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