

STATE OF ALASKA
REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) is recruiting for an attorney to serve as hearing examiner/administrative law judge. To be considered, applicants must have graduated from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, be licensed to practice law in Alaska or in a state with reciprocity with Alaska, and must have two years of legal or quasi-judicial experience. Two years administrative law experience or experience with regulated utility or pipeline service providers is highly desired.

The position is Range 24 in the partially exempt service. Minimum salary is \$7,225 per month. A comprehensive state benefits package is provided for regular, full-time partially-exempt (PX) positions.

Interested candidates must submit a complete résumé package as described on page 2 of this announcement. For general information about the RCA, please see our website: www.rca.alaska.gov.

Administrative Law Section

Hearing Examiner I: Full-Time

The RCA is recruiting for one full-time attorney in Anchorage. The primary responsibility of the attorney is as an administrative law judge to manage and preside over cases pending before the RCA and to advise commissioners on substantive decisions in those cases. The RCA has jurisdiction over public utilities including telecommunications, electric, water and wastewater, refuse, gas distribution and pipelines. The cases are complex and include difficult public policy issues which frequently lack clear precedent and which have a significant impact on the Alaskan Economy.

The administrative law judge may also preside over hearings associated with RCA regulations. In these proceedings the administrative law judge may be responsible for initial drafts of regulations for public utilities and pipeline carriers as well as general regulations guiding all activities of the RCA; updating regulations to meet the changing regulatory needs of industry and working with the Department of Law Regulations Section in the final processing of regulations for adoption by the RCA.

Administrative law judges for the RCA must produce a high volume of work consistently and accomplish work within statutory and regulatory deadlines. To do so the administrative law judges are required to expeditiously and efficiently conduct proceedings while affording due process to all parties. The administrative law judges provide a fair forum for evidence to be presented in proceedings that frequently involve multiple parties with diverse interests; make evidentiary rulings on issues involving complex matters; analyze testimony, exhibits, transcripts, and briefs; and research decisions and policies involving complex financial, technological, economics, and engineering data.

Administrative law judges for the RCA must consistently produce well written legal decisions containing findings of fact and conclusions of law, be able to work well under pressure, and demonstrate effective and appropriate consensus building, as well as the willingness and ability to be flexible.

Individuals who would like additional information about these positions may contact J.P. Wood at (907) 276-6222 or by e-mail at JP.Wood@alaska.gov.

Application Instructions

Candidates who are interested in applying for a position must submit a cover letter with a résumé that includes a complete history of education and professional work experience and identifies at least three professional employment references. Candidates also must submit a comprehensive professional writing sample no longer than ten pages. To be assured of consideration for a position, applicants should apply before 4:30 p.m. on November 15, 2013. Applications received after that date may be considered if the position remains available. Applications can be mailed or, hand-delivered to:

Joyce McGowan
Regulatory Commission of Alaska
701 W 8th Avenue, Suite 300
Anchorage, AK 99501

or e-mailed to:

joyce.mcgowan@alaska.gov

(If applicant materials are sent via e-mail, applicants are encouraged to title the subject line “application for current hearing examiner recruitment.”)

All interested and qualified applicants will be considered, but not every applicant will be interviewed.

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska is an equal opportunity employer and complies with Title I of the American with Disabilities Act. Applicants who need accommodation to apply may call Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222 or TTY at 1-907-276-4533.