

Hearing Officer

Counsel II

Agency Name:	Dept. of Public Utilities
Official Title:	Counsel II
Functional Title:	Hearing Officer
Occupational Group:	Legal
Position Type:	Non-Civil Service
Full-Time or Part-Time:	Full-Time
Salary Range:	\$66,813.24 to \$96,546.32 Annually
Bargaining Unit:	06
Shift:	Day
Confidential:	No
Number Of Vacancies:	2
City/Town:	Boston
Region:	BOSTON
Facility Location:	One South Station
Application Deadline:	11-06-2015
Apply Online:	No
Posting ID:	J50448

This position is funded from the Commonwealth's annual operating budget.

Duties:

Serve as Hearing Officer on agency proceedings regarding oversight of the electric power, natural gas and water industries in the Commonwealth. The Hearing Officer will work on complex regulatory matters as part of a team with other attorneys as well as technical staff (e.g., analysts, engineers, economists). Proceedings may be adjudications, rulemakings and notices of inquiry, may have multiple parties and involve complex legal and technical issues (e.g., rate-setting, energy policy, new legislation). This position involves a substantial amount of legal writing.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- serving as case manager by establishing procedural schedule, conducting public hearings and evidentiary hearings, making written and oral rulings, and working with and coordinating the work of technical staff to ensure the development of a thorough record;
- presenting recommendations and draft orders to Commission;
- preparing legal research and/or memoranda on agency jurisdiction, procedures and standards, as well as on applicable law and precedent;
- representing the Department in settlement negotiations of cases as needed, and in interventions before other state and federal administrative agencies.

Qualifications:

Entrance Requirements:

Applicants must have a Juris Doctor (JD) degree, admission to the Massachusetts Bar and (A) at least three years of full-time, or equivalent part-time, professional experience in the practice of law.

Incumbents may be required to have a current and valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License at a Class level specific to assignment.

Preferred Qualifications:

In addition to above, experience in administrative law, public utility law, energy policy or environmental law is highly desirable. Due to the nature of the work required, the candidate must have strong organizational skills, and possess the ability to communicate clearly and effectively in oral and written form. The candidate also must have good interpersonal skills and the ability to maintain effective working relationships with persons at all levels.

Comments:

- Must be a member of the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers in good standing.
- Salary commensurate with experience.
- The successful candidate may be required to attend a two week utility regulation course held out of state.

How To Apply:

Email is the preferred - DPU-HR@State.MA.US

Subject Line should read; Last Name, First Name – Job Title, #J50448

Department of Public Utilities
Human Resources Division
One South Station, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

To ensure consideration, resume and cover letter must be postmarked by midnight on the deadline date. Please reference posting #J50448 on all correspondence.

Please help our environment by applying electronically. Thank you!

Agency Web Address:

www.mass.gov/dpu

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Diversity Officer/ADA Coordinator:

Theresa Kelly (617) 305-3636

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