

Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
Legal Fellowship

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is seeking to hire a Legal Fellow with a focus on distributed generation issues. This position is a two-year fellowship funded by the NYU School of Law State Energy & Environmental Impact Center. The fellowship may be extended contingent on funding.

The work of the DPU involves cutting-edge distributed generation issues involving solar energy, energy storage, and grid interconnection of renewable energy sources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The work of the DPU takes place in a rapidly evolving energy landscape, with an emphasis on mitigating and adapting to climate change, while maintaining the reliable, safe, and affordable energy supplies vital to the Massachusetts economy. The Legal Fellow will be part of a collaborative 10-person team that investigates distributed generation-related projects and proceedings before the DPU to help protect consumers, provide reliable energy service at the lowest possible cost and ensure compliance with state law. The Legal Fellow may be asked to work on other energy policy issues that involve oversight of the electric power, natural gas, and water industries.

Ideal candidates possess a team-focused passion for public service and are enthusiastic about learning the unique nuances of DPU-specific investigations while working alongside their colleagues on innovative energy law and policy issues in Massachusetts.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Working with and coordinating the work of technical staff to ensure the development of a thorough record;
- Preparing and presenting policy memoranda and draft orders to Commission; and
- Preparing legal research and/or memoranda on agency jurisdiction, procedures and standards, as well as on applicable law and precedent.

At a minimum, applicants must:

- Have a Juris Doctor (JD) degree;
- Have a minimum of three years of practice as an attorney; and
- Preferred candidates will be admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

Further, we are seeking applicants that have the following attributes:

- Strong legal research and writing skills;
- Previous experience working on topics related to distributed generation or clean energy;
- Understanding of the electric distribution system;
- Knowledge of energy law, public utility ratemaking, administrative law, and environmental law (*e.g.*, solar, wind, electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, clean

energy, renewable energy, social cost of carbon, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction) as it applies to Massachusetts;

- Ability to assume a diverse workload with moderate supervision and have good judgment as to when to consult teammates and supervisors;
- Well-developed ability to work collaboratively with diverse teams;
- Self-starter who is eager to learn and develop professionally;
- Ability to evaluate and choose appropriate legal techniques, procedures and criteria using judgment in solving legal and policy issues;
- Passion for producing excellent work product and keen attention to detail; and
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and public service.

Details

- Hours: 37.5/wk
- Salary: \$120,000
- Location: DPU offers a hybrid work environment.
- The successful candidate will be eligible for subsidized health benefits (medical, prescription, dental and vision coverage) and life insurance; leave, including annual (vacation), personal, sick, and paid parental leave. The candidate is also eligible to participate in a retirement plan. For information regarding benefits for this fellowship, please visit NYU's website at: <https://www.nyu.edu/employees/benefit/full-time/professional-research-staff/benefits-guide-2024.html>
- For more information regarding the fellowship program, please visit NYU's website at: <https://stateimpactcenter.org/about/fellows-program/>

To apply please submit a resume to teddy.echeverria@mass.gov with "DPU Legal Fellowship" in the subject line.