

## About the DPU

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) Legal Division provides legal counsel and support to the Department in fulfilling its regulatory mission to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable energy and transportation services for Massachusetts residents and businesses. The Division is responsible for drafting and reviewing Department orders, regulations, and policy guidance; providing legal analysis on complex regulatory matters; representing the Department in administrative proceedings and litigation; and ensuring compliance with state and federal law.

The Legal Division plays a central role in the Department's work to advance Massachusetts' climate goals while protecting ratepayer interests. Division attorneys work on cutting-edge issues including clean energy infrastructure siting and permitting, grid modernization and energy storage, electric vehicle deployment, natural gas system planning and decarbonization, pipeline safety, energy affordability and equity, and oversight of transportation network companies and rail transit safety.

Legal Division staff collaborate closely with technical staff across the Department's divisions to analyze complex legal, policy, and technical issues in proceedings involving investor-owned electric, natural gas, and water utilities; energy facilities siting applications; and transportation safety oversight. The Division also coordinates with other state agencies, the Attorney General's Office, and stakeholders on regulatory matters and legislative initiatives.

Interns will have the opportunity to work alongside experienced attorneys and regulators on substantive legal and policy issues at the forefront of the energy transition, gaining exposure to administrative law, utility regulation, environmental and energy law, and the practical application of legal analysis to real-world regulatory challenges.

## Position

We are excited to offer an internship position in our Legal Division during the summer of 2026 as part of the NARUC Summer Legal Internship program. This role is ideal for candidates passionate about energy policy, clean energy, and utility regulation. Whether you're familiar with the DPU or new to our work, we welcome your fresh perspectives and enthusiasm.

**Candidates must be enrolled or have completed law school within the past 12 months.**

## Key Responsibilities

Your duties will include:

- Conducting legal research on administrative law, utility regulation, energy law, and environmental law issues
- Drafting memoranda analyzing legal and policy questions arising in active Department proceedings
- Reviewing and summarizing utility filings, testimony, and legal briefs
- Assisting with preparation of Department orders and regulatory decisions
- Researching comparative approaches to regulatory issues in other jurisdictions

- Supporting development of regulations and policy guidance documents
- Attending Department hearings and stakeholder meetings
- Responding to public inquiries regarding Department proceedings and regulatory processes
- Preparing correspondence and other documents as needed

### Preferred Qualifications

- Interest in administrative law, energy or environmental law and policy, and utility regulation.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Effective communication and teamwork abilities.
- Excellent writing, research and organizational skills

### Details

- Hours: 37.5/week
- Salary: \$5,000 stipend
- Location: DPU offers a hybrid work environment.
- This internship will run for 10 weeks.
- Applications will be accepted through May 18, 2026.

**Application Process:** To apply, please submit your resume, a cover letter expressing your interest and qualifications to [Janine.Vargas@mass.gov](mailto:Janine.Vargas@mass.gov) and [Stephanie.Mealey@mass.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Mealey@mass.gov).

**An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. Females, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.**

The Commonwealth is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, veteran status, or any other basis covered by appropriate law. Research suggests that qualified women, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color (BIPOC) may self-select out of opportunities if they don't meet 100% of the job requirements. We encourage individuals who believe they have the skills necessary to thrive to apply for this role.