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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Title: Gas Utility Engineer  
Application Deadline: 03/18/2019  
Req ID: 1003  
Department: Public Service Department  
Location: Montpelier, VT, US  
Position Type: Permanent  
Schedule Type: Full Time  
Annual Compensation: \$68,776

### Overview

The Department of Public Service is currently seeking a Gas Utility Engineer to inspect all jurisdictional gas pipeline facilities in the state on a regular basis to assure compliance with federal and State rules and regulations relating to pipeline safety. We are looking to hire an exceptional candidate to round out our team of professionals dedicated to meeting the public's need for least cost, environmentally sound, efficient, reliable, secure, sustainable, and safe energy, telecommunications, and regulated utility systems in the state for the short and long term.

Prior completion of the of the U.S. DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Training and Qualifications Division (T&Q) Inspector Training Program is a huge plus, but not a requirement. We welcome applicants who have not completed this training but still meet our minimum qualifications; however, the hired candidate will be required to complete this training.

The Department of Public Service is housed within the executive branch of Vermont state government and is charged with representing the public interest in energy, telecommunications, water and wastewater utility matters. We work to advance all Vermonters' quality of life, economy and security through implementation of our statewide energy and telecommunications goals, using sound statewide energy and telecommunications planning, strong public advocacy of the public good, and through strong consumer protection advocacy for individuals.

### As a Gas Utility Engineer, your duties will include:

- Reviewing procedures, records, pipeline materials and design, construction practices, qualifications of personnel, and operations and maintenance practices.
- Responding to gas-related emergencies and investigates gas-related accidents for cause and prevention. Investigates consumer complaints regarding gas utility services or lack of service.
- Preparing supporting material and justification for grants and budget requests.
- Serving as a subject matter expert and advising the Public Service Department and Public Utility Commission on gas-related matters.
- May advise other departments and agencies on gas related incidents.
- Testifying before the Public Utility Commission as needed.
- Interfacing with federal agencies.



## Who May Apply

This position, Gas Utility Engineer (Job Requisition #1003), is open to all State employees and external applicants.

If you would like more information about this position, please contact [Bill.Jordan@vermont.gov](mailto:Bill.Jordan@vermont.gov)

Resumes will not be accepted via e-mail. To be considered, you must apply online at:  
<https://careers.vermont.gov/job/Montpelier-Gas-Utility-Engineer-VT-05601/534627600/>

## Environmental Factors

Duties are performed in standard office setting and in the field. Field conditions include walking in off-road conditions such as pipeline rights-of-way and construction sites. Travel to inspection sites is required, for which a State vehicle will be provided. There is limited possibility of exposure to toxic waste, explosion or fire. May be required to work outside of normal duty hours, be available to respond to incidents, and be on standby 24/7.

## Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in engineering, chemistry, physics, or another closely related field

OR

Four (4) years or more of experience in engineering; gas utility regulation; or in the design, construction, maintenance or repair of gas transmission or distribution facilities

## Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in engineering, chemistry, physics, or another closely related field
- Six years at or above a technical level in engineering; gas utility regulation; or in the design, construction, maintenance or repair of gas transmission or distribution facilities
- Completion of the U.S. DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Training and Qualifications Division (T&Q) Inspector Training Program

## Special Requirements

If not already completed, the hired candidate must complete the U.S. DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Training and Qualifications Division (T&Q) Inspector Training Program. This will require frequent travel to Oklahoma City for week-long training courses over the first few years of employment.

## Total Compensation

Annual compensation includes an hourly rate of \$29.70 (Pay Grade 27, Step 1; \$61,776 annually) plus a supplemental allowance for standby pay totaling \$7,000 per year, for a total of \$68,776 to start. Periodic pay increases are per the [Classified Bargaining Unit Pay Plan](#) at time intervals specified in the [Collective Bargaining Agreement](#) (see Article 45.4).

As a State employee you are offered a great career opportunity, but it's more than a paycheck. The State's total compensation package features an outstanding set of employee benefits that are worth about 30% of your total compensation, including:

- 80% State paid medical premium
- Dental Plan at no cost for employees and their families
- Flexible Spending healthcare and childcare reimbursement accounts
- Two ways to save for your retirement: A State defined benefit pension plan and a deferred compensation 457(b) plan
- Work/Life balance: 11 paid holidays each year and a generous leave plan; many jobs also allow for a flexible schedule
- Low cost group life insurance
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Incentive-based Wellness Program
- Qualified Employer for Public Service Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Want the specifics? Explore the [Benefits of State Employment](#) on our website.

### **Equal Opportunity Employer**

The State of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications from women, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are encouraged.