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Position Title:

Utility Engineer Specialist - (19142384)

Description:

SPECIAL INFORMATION

A valid Montana driver's license is required. This position requires extensive travel. Approximately 60% in-state and out-of-state travel is required.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED,
FIRST REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS STARTING
OCTOBER 21, 2019**

DUTIES

The Regulatory Division of the Public Service Commission (PSC) assists and advises the Commission in the regulation of the public utilities providing electricity, gas, telephone, and water services in Montana.

This position ensures compliance with state and federal pipeline safety rules and regulations for regulated natural gas pipeline operators, propane and liquid natural gas operators, and master meter operators.

Assist the Pipeline Safety Program Manager with the Pipeline Safety Program as specified by the grant conditions from the US Department of Transportation (DOT), including preparation of zero base budgeting for the program. Recognize need for new projects and define person power, time and equipment needs.

Conduct field inspections to ensure natural gas utilities' compliance with pipeline safety regulations. Communicate frequently with pipeline operators. Institute enforcement actions as necessary.

Require sufficient evidence from gas pipeline operators to demonstrate that they meet the specific requirements of DOT, including compliance verification.

Assist the Pipeline Safety Program Manager in development of plans detailing operator investigation frequency, documentation, and procedures for follow-up.

Conduct on-site investigation of significant gas pipeline facility incidents for the purpose of determining evidence of non-compliance with federal regulations.

Determine operator training requirements and deficiencies in order to design and provide customized instruction to the operator through use of existing federal standards, training aids, professional literature and procedures used by other operators.

Review and evaluate state and federal pipeline safety policy proposals. Explain the proposals and their likely effects to the Commission, other staff, and outside stakeholders. Analyze technical and operational pipeline safety issues and recommend policy positions to the Commission, either verbally in a public meeting or in writing.

Participate in legislative and rulemaking activities regarding safety standards for jurisdictional intrastate pipelines.

Cooperate with federal monitoring of the state program to assure program compliance with certification requirements. Coordinate computer hardware and software requirements to facilitate program structure, and provide computer support and training relative to program requirements.

Participate in pipeline safety training courses conducted by PHMSA's office of Training and Qualifications (TQ) and others as required.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Selection procedures to be used in evaluating applicant's qualifications may include, but are not limited to: an evaluation of the Montana State Application; an evaluation of education, training and experience; a review of writing samples; a structured oral interview; and reference checks.

All applicants must submit the following:

- A State of Montana Application completed online at <http://statecareers.mt.gov>.
- A resume, including three professional references.
- A writing sample, applicable to your field of study.
- A copy of transcripts.

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REJECTED

Qualifications:

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

A Bachelor's degree in Engineering or Engineering Technology is required. Experience is preferred, but not necessary.

COMPETENCIES

Considerable knowledge and education in engineering; a working knowledge of the technical aspects of utility operations; utility industry operational trends and best practices; current utility industry issues; federal regulatory agency decisions and policies; PSC rules, policies and procedures. The ability to make verbal and written presentations of complex topics to non-expert audiences is essential.

The incumbent must be able to plan, coordinate, direct and apply a variety of engineering theories, techniques and practices; to evaluate engineering needs; conduct engineering research and prescribe corrective action; to provide public information about agency policies and procedures; to evaluate the work of utility personnel; to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public, government, agency and utility employees. The Utility Engineering Specialist must have the ability and initiative to organize and structure workloads in such a manner that work assignments are completed on time with minimal supervision.

Skill in the use of computers, including spreadsheets, word processing and graphics software is required.

Applicant Pool Statement: Not Applicable

Training Assignment: This agency may use a training assignment. Employees in training assignments may be paid below the base pay established by the agency pay rules. Conditions of the training assignment will be stated in writing at the time of hire.

Job: Engineering

Salary: \$ 50,000.00 - 56,000.00 Yearly

Benefits Package Eligibility: Health Insurance, Paid Leave & Holidays, Retirement Plan

Number of Openings: 1

Employee Status: Regular

Schedule: Full-Time

Shift: Day Job

Travel: Yes, 75 % of the Time

Primary Location: Helena

Agency: Public Service Commission

Union: 000 - None

Bargaining Unit: 000 - None


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Closing Date (based on your computer's timezone): Ongoing

Required Application Materials: Resume, References, Writing Sample, Transcripts

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