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**Unclassified Job Announcement**

**ENGINEER, GAS PIPELINE**

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Gas Pipeline Engineer. This is an unclassified, at-will, full-time exempt position within the State of Nevada.

**About the PUCN:** The PUCN is a quasi-judicial regulatory agency that, among other duties, ensures investor-owned utilities comply with all applicable state and federal laws. For more information about the agency, please visit the PUCN website at <http://puc.nv.gov>.

**The Position's Key Areas of Responsibility:**

- Conduct technical inspections, audits and investigations of gas utility facilities and operators including reviewing designs, construction work, operation and maintenance activities, and operation and emergency response procedures to ensure safety regulation compliance of jurisdictional natural gas and liquid petroleum ("LP") facilities, pursuant to Chapter 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Parts 191, 192, 193 and 199.
- Performs field inspections and investigations relating to excavation damage prevention (i.e. "One-call") for natural gas and other types of underground facilities per Chapter 455 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 455 of the Nevada Administrative Code.
- Document and cite violations and deficiencies found and makes appropriate recommendations to operators, which may require an operator to shut down a facility if found to be unsafe.
- Makes recommendations to the Commission on civil penalties when violations are cited.
- Provides written testimony and orally defends testimony for proceedings brought before the Commission; and serves as an expert witness on pipeline safety matters.
- Makes presentations to various state, local and federal agencies.
- Analyzes issues and evaluates other parties' written and oral testimony for accuracy, logic and consistency on pipeline safety matters.
- May be expected to perform additional job-related duties and to have or develop additional specific job-related knowledge and skills.

**Skills Required:**

Must be highly professional, well-organized, self-motivated, and possess leadership skills. Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision as well as in a team environment in collaboration with other engineers, and legal staff; compile and summarize information and prepare correspondence, periodic or special reports related to assignments; and contribute effectively to the accomplishment of the team or agency goals, objectives, and activities. Must possess skill in effective written and verbal communication; must be able to collaboratively or as a team complete writing assignments; required skills also include planning, prioritizing and executing timelines without the need for supervision. Must be available for travel (typically up to 90% of the time).

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in engineering or closely related field and two years of professional level experience with natural gas and/or LP distribution systems in a regulated utility company, an agency responsible for regulating utilities, or gas pipeline public safety code compliance or enforcement inspector (49 CFR 191, 192, 193 and 199); OR successful completion of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration ("PHMSA"), Training and Qualification ("T&Q") ten core course series; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience. Licensure as a registered professional engineer is desirable.

**Special Notes:**

1) Candidates are required to possess and maintain as a condition of employment a valid Nevada driver's license. 2) As a condition of continued employment, incumbents must successfully complete the PHMSA T&Q ten core course series of pipeline safety classes within three years of employment, that includes passing the mandatory test associated with each class. Additional specialty courses, such as six integrity management classes will need to be completed after the ten core courses. The PHMSA T&Q classes are held in Oklahoma City, OK, and are full week classes and require approximately six days of travel each.

**Salary:** Salary reflecting retirement (PERS) contributions by both the employee and the employer is up to \$95,665 (\$83,277 for employer only contribution). Salary offers are based on a wide array of factors such as a candidate's experience, skills, and education.

**Benefits:** The State benefits package includes enrollment into the Public Employees' Retirement System ([www.nvpers.org](http://www.nvpers.org)), a choice of health insurance plans ([www.pebp.state.nv.us](http://www.pebp.state.nv.us)), eleven paid holidays, and paid annual leave and sick leave, after appropriate waiting periods. Other optional benefits are also available, including a deferred compensation program.

**Position Location:** The position will be located in Carson City.

**Application Deadline:** Recruitment needs are satisfied.

**Submit Cover Letter and Resume to:**

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Public Utilities Commission of Nevada

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In subject line please reference: **Gas Pipeline Engineer**

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