

Public Power Council Job Description

Executive Director

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The Public Power Council (PPC) is seeking its next Executive Director to provide leadership and management of the trade association representing the consumer-owned utilities who purchase power and transmission from the Bonneville Power Administration. The Executive Director works closely with a 21-member board and provides high-level expertise, strategy, and advice on business and policy options around wholesale electric power, transmission, and other energy issues. The Executive Director also serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of PPC and is responsible for recruitment and development of a professional staff, financial management and creation of the budget, and stewardship of the credibility and integrity of PPC in the region and nationally.

Responsibilities

- Provide strategic leadership of the major regional association for preference public power customers of the Bonneville Power Administration;
- Create and direct plans to achieve objectives advancing PPC's core values and mission to preserve and enhance the value of the Federal Columbia River Power System for consumer-owned utilities;
- Prepare and implement annual budgets, work plans, and long-term strategic plans;
- Recruit, evaluate, develop, and direct a professional technical and policy staff, and manage various consultants to pursue PPC's government affairs objectives;
- Draft and implement effective board agendas and materials, and work collaboratively with board officers to hold engaging monthly meetings that further strategic objectives;
- Provide extensive expertise to members with advice on business and policy options on federal power products, contracts, and costs, and other wholesale power supply issues;
- Effectively communicate and advocate positions both in writing and verbally to members, media, and policymakers;
- Build common positions and connections among many diverse utility managers, directors, staff, and other regional parties, including other associations in the region representing consumer-owned utilities;
- Implement strategies and negotiations for desired outcomes in administrative, business, legal, and legislative venues;
- Provide direction and implementation of PPC member communication, education, marketing and retention efforts;
- Represent PPC interests in regulatory proceedings, in regional energy industry meetings, and in testimony before various entities including Congressional committees.

Qualifications and Experience

- Demonstrated record of leadership and established credibility as a facilitator of solutions to business and industry challenges;
- Strong knowledge and experience in the energy industry, including work with consumer-owned utilities and policies involving the Federal Columbia River Power System and the Bonneville Power Administration;
- Strategic thinker and high-level analytical and problem-solving ability to define priorities and paths forward on complex topics;
- Proven record of financial management, administration of budgets, and successful results-driven approach to initiatives;
- Demonstrated ability to lead a collaborative and motivated team, and to recruit, manage, and develop staff at all levels;
- Experience with or relevant exposure to the state, regional, and national political process;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Excellent listening comprehension, management, and coalition-building skills applicable to understanding and creating common positions among diverse members of an organization;
- At least ten years of relevant experience is desirable, along with a degree or advanced degree in a related field such as economics, business, law, engineering, or political science.

Compensation

Initial salary will be a function of background and experience. The Public Power Council provides an attractive benefits package. Employment is “at-will”. This position is a full-time position located in Portland, Oregon, and it involves frequent travel.

About the Public Power Council:

PPC represents the interests of preference utility customers of the Bonneville Power Administration in all BPA proceedings, in matters before the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, in other regional power venues, in federal courts, and in Washington, D.C. PPC has a diverse membership, with utilities that range in size from 10 to 400,000 customers located in parts of seven western states – including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Our members include municipal utilities, public or people’s utility districts, rural electric cooperatives, and mutual companies. For more information, please see: www.ppcpdx.org

To Inquire:

Please send expression of interest and current resume to: jobs@ppcpdx.org This position is open until filled, with a first review date of April 30, 2019.
