

November 25, 2019

Illinois Power Agency Seeks Deputy Legal Counsel

The Illinois Power Agency is seeking a Deputy Legal Counsel to work out of its Chicago office.

The IPA's Deputy Legal Counsel position offers unmatched opportunities to work on cutting edge legal and policy issues in a rapidly evolving field. These opportunities include work focused on the ongoing management of renewable energy incentive programs (including the development and refinement of program guidelines and requirements), energy policy and procurement, contract development, legislative review, litigation, and administrative law.

The Deputy Legal Counsel reports to the Chief Legal Counsel, but is also expected to work closely with the Agency Director, senior management, program managers, and outside consultants.

Job requirements include a J.D. degree and active license to practice law in Illinois (or intent to obtain such license), with prior experience in energy policy and administrative law preferred.

Please see the attached job description for more information on the position and qualifications.

For more information on the Illinois Power Agency, please see: www.illinois.gov/ipa

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to ipa.contactus@illinois.gov.

No phone calls please.

The Illinois Power Agency is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY

POSITION DESCRIPTION

1. POSITION TITLE		2. AGENCY		3. WORK COUNTY	4. POSITION NUMBER	
Existing Position Deputy Legal Counsel		Illinois Power Agency		016	68635	
New/Revised Position						
5. WORK LOCATION			6. TERM CODE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESTABLISH <input type="checkbox"/> CLARIFY <input type="checkbox"/> ABOLISH	7. EFFECTIVE DATE
Existing Position Chicago						11/25/19
New/Revised Position						
% OF TIME	8. COMPLETE CURRENT AND ACCURATE STATEMENT OF POSITION ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS					
	<p>Under the authority and direction of the Chief Legal Counsel of the Illinois Power Agency (IPA), serve as Deputy Legal Counsel of the IPA.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assist the Director, the Planning & Procurement Bureau Chief, and the Chief Legal Counsel in the development and preparation of procurement plans, including the Agency's annual Electricity Procurement Plan, biennial revisions to the Agency's Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan, and any future planning processes. Assist the Chief Legal Counsel in litigation before the Illinois Commerce Commission, including litigation seeking approval of the IPA's procurement plans and docketed proceedings implicating Agency interests or jurisdiction. Assist the Chief Legal Counsel in researching and formulating guidance on legal issues for both internal and external constituencies. Assist the Chief Legal Counsel with the review and analysis of proposed legislation, including legislation impacting the Agency or the industry in which the Agency operates. Assist the Chief Legal Counsel with the development, adoption, and implementation of administrative rules promulgated by the Agency. In coordination with the Director, the Bureau Chief of the Procurement and Planning Bureau, and the Chief Legal Counsel, assist in developing IPA positions in contested matters and in anticipation of contested matters. Under the supervision of the Chief Legal Counsel, provide legal representation in other matters involving the IPA. Represent the Director and the Agency at meetings, conferences and other gatherings, as needed. Participate in agency-level policy discussions; work directly with Agency management; gather and provide information to the Director for review; coordinate with staff and consultants in review and analysis of agency programs to ensure policy objectives are met. Perform other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above. 					
IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE			DIRECTOR SIGNATURE			DATE
						11/25/2019

9. POSITION TITLE AND NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR (Responsible for assigning and reviewing work, preparing, conducting and signing performance evaluations; effectively recommending and imposing disciplinary action and adjusting grievances for the incumbent of this position.)

Chief Legal Counsel, Illinois Power Agency

10. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF THIS POSITION IS A:

SUPERVISOR

List position title, position number, and number of subordinate incumbents or authorized funded headcount:

Position Title	Position Number	No. of Incumbents or Funded Vacancies

11. SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK OF THIS POSITION.

Job Requirements:

- A Juris Doctor degree from an accredited law school and membership in good standing with the Illinois Bar (or membership in another state bar and willingness to take the Illinois bar exam within six (6) months).
- At least two (2) years of experience in the energy, environmental, or administrative law fields is required.
- Previous experience with state government, renewable energy issues, energy policy issues, or energy procurement or contracting matters is preferred.
- Ability to adapt to changing priorities and work effectively within a dynamic and entrepreneurial environment.

The Deputy Legal Counsel is prohibited from: (i) owning, directly or indirectly, 5% or more of the voting capital stock of an electric utility, independent power producer, power marketer, or alternative retail electric supplier; (ii) being in any chain of successive ownership of 5% or more of the voting capital stock of any electric utility, independent power producer, power marketer, or alternative retail electric supplier; (iii) receiving any form of compensation, fee, payment, or other consideration from an electric utility, independent power producer, power marketer, or alternative retail electric supplier, including legal fees, consulting fees, bonuses, or other sums. These limitations do not apply to any compensation received pursuant to a defined benefit plan or other form of deferred compensation, provided that the individual has otherwise severed all ties to the utility, power producer, power marketer, or alternative retail electric supplier.