



REDWOOD COAST Energy Authority

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Manager/Senior Manager – Power Resources

Compensation: \$62,819.37 - \$90,503.17 (1 full time, permanent position, appointments typically start at the first step of the salary range)

Background

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) launched its community choice energy (CCE) program in 2017, with a goal of 100% local renewable electricity by 2030. The program enjoys a 93% participation rate in its Humboldt County, CA service area, including some 60,000 homes and businesses. In March 2019, our Board of Directors adopted an accelerated goal of 100% clean and renewable electricity by 2025. State policy calls for electricity providers to increase their renewable portfolios each year and, beginning in the near future, to procure a large portion of this renewable energy under long-term contracts. These local and state policy drivers will require RCEA to rapidly expand its renewable energy procurement, while keeping electricity affordable for Humboldt County energy users. We are looking for a motivated, experienced, and knowledgeable power resources manager to help meet this challenge.

RCEA and the Community it Serves

RCEA is a joint powers agency located in Eureka, in beautiful Humboldt County, California. Humboldt County offers a vibrant and diverse opportunity to pursue a range of activities outside of the workplace whether you prioritize being outside, the arts, or community service. RCEA was formed by the County of Humboldt and incorporated cities within the county to create a local government organization devoted to developing and implementing sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources available in the region.

Despite its rural isolation, Humboldt County has long been a state leader in energy innovation. The Schatz Energy Research Center, an internationally renowned facility at nearby Humboldt State University, is a frequent RCEA collaborator on diverse ventures including microgrid development and community energy planning.

The Position

This Manager/Senior Manager role is focused on wholesale power procurement and the associated regulatory compliance activities supporting our CCE program.

RCEA is most interested in candidates experienced with:

- Development, negotiation, and management of long-term power purchase agreements
- Integrated resource planning

- Working with the California Independent System Operator or other balancing authority, including settlement processes and new resource interconnection
- Working with the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System and retiring renewable energy certificates
- Data analysis, computer programming, and spreadsheet applications such as Microsoft Excel at an advanced skill level
- Load forecasting and aggregation and analysis of historic load data
- Short-term, day-ahead, and real-time power markets
- Issuance and administration of requests for proposals and requests for offers, and evaluation of responses from vendors
- Compliance with regulations promulgated by the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, and the California Air Resources Board
- Monitoring, reporting on, and participating in regulatory proceedings at the California Public Utilities Commission and other public agencies

Specific activities will include:

- Assist RCEA in establishment and management of long-term power purchase agreements
- Manage consultants providing support services for the CCE program
- Support strategic planning for the CCE program, including participation in the California Community Choice association and its committees
- Support regulatory monitoring and advocacy activities relevant to the CCE program
- Develop organizational structures for data management and for scheduling and completion of recurring tasks related to the CCE program
- Perform quantitative analysis related to development of new CCE program offerings
- Prepare documents for presentation to RCEA's board of directors or for posting on the RCEA website

Candidates with the following characteristics may excel in this role: passion for community service, self-starter mentality, goal-driven, project-oriented, independent, high integrity, fast learner, easily adapts to changes, and sociable.

Application Instructions:

Applicants must submit an RCEA Employment Application, resume and cover letter to RCEA, 633 3rd Street, Eureka CA 95501, or hr@redwoodenergy.org, Attn: Richard Engel. Incomplete application packages are subject to immediate disqualification. Applications are available at <http://www.redwoodenergy.org/index.php/about/employment>.

Application Deadline:

This position is open until filled. The next review will be held 04/26/2019.