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PLANNING ANALYST

DEFINITION

Under management of the Deputy General Manager, Energy Resources, the Planning Analyst ("Analyst") performs a variety of professional and technical duties involved in the planning, analysis, development and use of District resources in the following fields: resource planning, rates, budgeting, risk management, and energy services. The Analyst will be responsible for assessing project performance effectiveness, and conducting analysis to ensure the District is achieving desired results and developing mitigation/contingency strategies.

The Analyst conducts cost/benefit, trend, feasibility, and cause and effect analysis and is responsible for developing and delivering findings/recommendations to audiences to operations and maintenance personnel, management and the Board of Directors.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Incumbent must have a strong understanding of the electric utility industry, wholesale power market, hedging structures and financial instruments. The Analyst must demonstrate a proactive approach in identifying opportunities to improve efficiency of work processes and computer model systems.

Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise, and must be fully aware of the operating procedures and policies of MID.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

1. Review the administration of energy and energy contracts to ensure the District receives maximum benefit and meets contractual obligations.

2. Maintain knowledge of current regulatory environment.

3. Conceptualize and create presentations and reports for senior management, internal reviews and external regulatory/compliance.

4. Design & perform quantitative studies concerning historical and forecasted prices of energy commodities for the purpose of pricing and valuation influencing risk management decisions.

5. Design and construct energy risk management tools to evaluate risk profile and exposure levels.

6. Provide research and analysis on regulatory projects, as required, including summary analysis and preparing presentations based on analysis.

7. Provide regulatory analysis and guidance regarding cost of service, cost allocation, and rate design.

8. Provide analytical support related to business development, competition analysis, new service offerings, and other business initiatives.

9. Demonstrate experience gathering data from multiple sources, performing analyses, and presenting findings/recommendations to key stakeholders.

10. Demonstrate experience interfacing with peers, management, and business partners in order to develop business solutions.

11. Must demonstrate the ability to integrate work across relevant areas such as finance, develop business plans, manage information and provide exceptional service to internal and external customers.

12. Must demonstrate effective resource and project planning, decision making, results delivery, team building, and an understanding of relevant technology and innovation.

13. The Analyst will be responsible for assessing project performance effectiveness, and conducting analysis to ensure the department is achieving desired results and developing mitigation/contingency strategies.

14. The analyst will coordinate group efforts in the preparation of short-term and long-term financial forecasts. These forecasts provide decision-making tools for senior management in establishing near-term corporate budgets and benchmarks and in developing long-term financial and strategic plans.

15. The incumbent will analyze complex internal metrics and provide analytical support in the economic and financial assessment of existing programs as well as potential new strategic programs and initiatives.

16. Perform various cost-benefit and life cycle economic analyses of the District's various facilities and any other special/advanced analyses as directed by senior management.

17. Lead effort to produce long range financial plan and associated reports used by management to establish fiscal and reserve policy, bond defeasance strategies and other corporate uses.

18. The successful candidate will prepare various analyses to support pro forma financial statements that could be presented or submitted to the company's financial or senior executives, potential creditors, credit rating agencies, or regulatory agencies.

19. Preparation of electric power supply plans and cost estimates; development of annual long-term electric load forecasts; coordination of short-term forecasts with other District departments; provide assistance in the preparation and analysis of various demand side resource options; development of various filings.

20. Develop multi-year load forecast information and utilize it in various analyses, including revenue and power cost projections.

21. Produce electric retail revenue estimates for the coming year and projections of revenue over a multi-year period using the most current load forecast information.

22. Prepare or revise rate design for products and services.

23. Determine impact on individual customers for any rate change.

24. Produce power cost estimates for the coming year and projections of power costs over a multi-year period using the most current load forecast information, in combination with current and expected contractual arrangements.

25. Determine and recommend desirable generation investments and long-term generation, transmission and ancillary service contracts that will enable the District to meet its electric obligations reliably and economically.

26. Coordinate long term planning activities for resource acquisition.

27. Manage, develop, modify and utilize computer models and other computer applications in the performance of the assigned duties.

28. Provide analysis and recommendations on regulatory matters directly affecting the Energy Resources Administration.

29. Develop annual capital budgets.

30. Perform required financial analysis; review detailed financial, historical and legal data; and coordinate with all involved parties in support of obtaining capital financing.

31. Assist in the District-wide planning/accounting for the District's Electric public benefits programs.

32. Perform other related duties as required or assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in a highly analytical field such as engineering, accounting, finance, science, math, or economics plus related experience in one or more of the following areas: energy planning, business operations and decision analysis, economics, statistics, energy-related business law, financial or engineering analysis, or development and implementation of programs and activities. A Master's degree in one of the aforementioned fields preferred.

Minimum 5 years of utility experience with strong understanding of corporate finance and governmental regulations and requirements. Knowledge of principles and techniques of

analytical and statistical analysis; accounting; electric utility operation; economic evaluation and computer programming principles including electronic spreadsheets and databases. Knowledge of: advanced principles, practices and methods of planning and analysis; computers; quantitative analysis methods; pertinent federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations and electric production economics.

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid California driver's license.

TYPICAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Communicates orally and in writing with District management, co-workers, and the public in face-to-face and one-on-one settings.

Regularly uses a telephone and/or e-mail for communication.

Use office equipment such as computer terminals, copiers, mailing equipment, calculators and FAX machines.

Sits for extended periods of time.

Hearing and vision within normal limits.

SALARY RANGE:	**Level 26, $5349-$6503 per month**
DATE OF POSTING:	**July 23, 2010**
CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS:	**OPEN UNTIL FILLED**
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ANTICIPATED INTERVIEW DATE:	**To be announced**