Job Title: Utility Analyst II - Accountant

Job ID: 613898

Apply Before: 02/23/2018

Location: Marion County

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

City/County/St: Indianapolis, Marion County, IN

Hire Salary

$52,100 annually (Salary commensurate with experience)

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About the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

The OUCC's mission is to represent all Indiana consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education and creative problem solving. For more information about the OUCC, visit the website at www.in.gov/oucc, on Twitter at https://twitter.com/IndianaOUCC, or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/IndianaOUCC.

About the job

Come join a passionate team with a commitment to consumer advocacy. The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), a state agency, seeks two (2) Utility Analysts for its Electric and Water/Wastewater Divisions respectively. Using accounting and auditing skills and principles, this Utility Analyst will help the OUCC advocate for utility customers in rate cases and other matters brought before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). The Utility Analysts will review utility financial records, draw conclusions from the information reviewed, make recommendations, and prepare written testimony. Applicants should have strong writing and analytical skills and enjoy working as part of a team.

The selected candidate(s) will conduct a variety of accounting reviews, which may be broad or narrow in scope and of varying complexity and difficulty. The candidate(s) will plan and conduct the accounting reviews within the time constraints of the agency. The candidate(s) will use creativity and resourcefulness to uncover and document irregularities or non-compliance. These positions must maintain confidentiality throughout the entire review process. The candidate(s) must be able to manage multiple cases and prioritize workload.

These positions will receive general work assignments from a supervisor. The selected candidate(s) will be expected to make decisions and exercise significant judgment in the application of agency policy and standards. These positions work with multi-disciplinary teams that may include attorneys, financial analysts, accountants, engineers and other specialists.
These positions are responsible for preparing written reports, related work papers, accounting schedules and testimony which supports judgments and conclusions for financial condition and compliance. The candidate(s) must be able to meet deadlines, while handling multiple tasks. The work product completed by this position is reviewed by a supervisor for compliance with agency policy and standards. Limited travel will be necessary.

A day in the life

- Reviewing the financial statements of regulated water and wastewater utilities including evaluating the reasonableness of the financial statements, evaluating accounting and administrative controls as well as analyzing and interpreting selected utility accounting information.
- Reviewing pre-filed testimony and gathering additional information through written requests, onsite reviews and other research methods.
- Developing technical opinions, based on the review of utility financial statements and all other relevant utility applications, petitions, testimony, schedules and exhibits.
- Drawing conclusions from information gathered during reviews to build case foundations that contribute to the overall case development.
- Preparing persuasive written reports, testimony and accounting schedules to support OUCC positions and to make recommendations.
- Testifying from time to time before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC).
- Participating as a case team member on complex regulatory cases and being a significant contributor responsible for addressing accounting and regulatory issues.

What we're looking for

- A bachelor’s degree in accounting.
- A master’s degree in accounting or CPA certification is preferred.
- Extensive computer experience with MS Office (Word and Excel) is necessary.
- Possess: strong written and verbal skills; the ability to work independently and in teams to meet deadlines; and the ability to produce work product in a well-organized manner.
- Ability to work on and/or manage multiple cases simultaneously.
- Ability to summarize and communicate complex technical issues.
- Ability to make objective and well-reasoned recommendations.
- Knowledge of water/wastewater utility industry or IURC regulatory practices is a plus.

Benefits

The State of Indiana offers a comprehensive benefit package which includes:

- Choose from four medical plans (including RX coverage), vision and dental
- Wellness program that offers eligibility into a discounted medical plan
- Health savings account, offered for most medical plans, includes state contributions
- Deferred compensation account (similar to a private sector’s 401 K plan) with employer match, as well as a choice between two fully funded pension plans
- Group life insurance
- Employee assistance program that allows for covered behavioral health visits
- Paid vacation, personal and sick time off
- The State of Indiana offers other generous leave policies covering a variety of employee needs
- 12 company paid holidays, 14 on election years
- Qualified employer for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

Equal Employment Opportunity

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