

Job Posting: Massachusetts Energy Policy Advocate, November 2022

The Green Energy Consumers Alliance is a nonprofit organization celebrating its 40th anniversary with a mission to harness the power of consumers to speed a just transition to clean energy. Our 18 employees are based in Boston and Providence. We combine consumer-facing programs with public policy advocacy at the state and local levels in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The programs we have for consumers include green electricity, heating, rooftop solar, Shave the Peak, energy efficiency, heat pumps, and an electric vehicle program called Drive Green. For more information, visit www.greenenergyconsumers.org.

Overview

The Massachusetts Energy Policy Advocate will be a key person on our Advocacy Team, working to influence state-level legislative and regulatory energy policy, mostly in Massachusetts, and some in Rhode Island. Our work focuses on decarbonizing buildings, electricity, and transportation, but this position will focus mostly on buildings and electricity. The Advocate would report to the Executive Director and collaborate with highly qualified colleagues and allies. In 2023, the focal point for this position would be on decarbonization buildings and influencing the future of the gas utility. The Advocate will also be responsible for monitoring the Commonwealth's progress towards the goals in Massachusetts' Clean Energy and Climate Plans for 2025 & 2030 and 2050.

Green Energy Consumers is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, both internally and externally. We advocate for policies that bring the many benefits of clean energy to all, including communities that have been historically overburdened and underserved.

The successful candidate for this position will possess knowledge of energy and climate policy, be effective at working with coalitions, and have the ability to persuade policymakers in state government to advance our policy agenda.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities for this position will include, but are not limited to:

- Lobbying legislative and executive branches;
- Representing the organization in all relevant policy discussions, coalitions, advisory bodies, etc.;
- Cultivating partnerships with climate, energy, environmental, labor, environmental justice, and community stakeholders;
- Researching, drafting, and presenting organizational positions;
- Assisting with newsletters, website material, social media, emails, blogs, and webinars;
- Supporting fundraising by assisting in grant writing and reports to funders;
- Occasional travel within Rhode Island and Massachusetts; and,
- All other duties as requested by the executive director.

All of the above will focus on Massachusetts but will occasionally involve work in Rhode Island as well.

Qualifications

Qualified candidates should have a bachelor's degree in energy or environmental studies, public policy, or a related field and relevant work experience, preferably in the energy/environmental industry. Candidates should also be able to demonstrate:

- Passion for climate action;
- Knowledge and experience with public policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the building, and electricity sectors;
- Roots in Massachusetts, meaning residence and familiarity with the geography, politics, and communities;
- Research experience;
- Excellent interpersonal skills (i.e., must be able to display confidence, listen actively, speak diplomatically, etc.)
- Excellent written and oral communications skills;
- Skill in presentation composition and engaging diverse audiences;
- Analytical and technical capabilities, with close attention to detail;
- Ability to work independently, with initial guidance;
- Strong organizational and time management skills to handle multiple assignments simultaneously;
- Flexible and adaptable demeanor and the ability to work well in a team;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, and Google Suite (Gmail, Groups, Drive, etc.);
- Valid driver's license;
- Ability to work from our Boston office as necessary (at least once per week) and attend in-person meetings at the State Houses in Boston and Providence;
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination, including a relatively recent booster shot.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Master's degree in relevant field and/or experience with clean energy and climate policies;
- Experience directly lobbying political decision-makers.

This position is full-time, 37.5-40 hours per week, with flexible hours to accommodate occasional weeknight and weekend meetings. We work in hybrid mode (sometimes from our Boston office, sometimes at Massachusetts State House and other government offices, and sometimes remote).

Salary

\$50,000 to \$65,000 / year

Salary (or hourly wage) will be commensurate with qualifications.

Benefits

Strong package that goes beyond legal requirements in several areas. Health, dental, 403-B, short-term disability, long-term disability, etc. Employees start with 4 weeks paid vacation.

How to Apply

Resumes and cover letters should be sent to jobs@greenenergyconsumers.org.



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