



COALITION FOR CLEAN AFFORDABLE ENERGY
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Attorney (contract position)

LOCATION: Santa Fe, New Mexico (during covid, much work done remotely)

CCAIE BACKGROUND:

Formed in 1997 by several nonprofit environmental, consumer, and health organizations, the Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy (CCAIE) works in New Mexico to advance policies that allow for a more rapid and equitable transition to clean, renewable energy both at the Legislature and in proceedings before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC). CCAIE occupies a unique niche in that it brings together numerous organizations working towards similar goals, allowing its members a venue to collaborate, share activities, and augment their individual strengths through coordinated efforts. CCAIE members include 350.org, Center for Advancing Sustainable Architecture, Environment New Mexico, Natural Resources Defense Council, New Mexico Public Interest Research Group, Partnership for Responsible Business, Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, Southwest Research and Information Center, Union of Concerned Scientists, Western Environmental Law Center, and Western Resource Advocates.

SUMMARY OF THE POSITION:

CCAIE seeks one or more attorneys to represent CCAIE's interests in proceedings before the NMPRC and to engage in stakeholder discussions about the policies to advance clean energy in New Mexico. The attorney will work independently, and in coordination with other attorneys who represent CCAIE and CCAIE member organizations.

The attorney's primary responsibilities will include:

- Representing CCAIE in all cases before the PRC that present opportunities or roadblocks to increasing clean energy and energy efficiency in New Mexico. Specifically, the attorney will intervene in these cases, engage in discovery, represent CCAIE in evidentiary hearings, and write legal briefs in support of CCAIE positions. When appropriate, the attorney will also represent CCAIE in appeals before the New Mexico Supreme Court.
- Coordination with CCAIE members. CCAIE's member groups have representatives that participate in monthly CCAIE Steering Committee calls and in-person meetings, and additional meetings when needed. The attorney will provide an overview of ongoing cases, seek input from members, and coordinate further discussion as necessary.

- Engaging and working with expert witnesses. When possible, CCAE retains expert witnesses, either within its membership or externally. The attorney will find appropriate experts, and then work with them on all aspects of specific cases or topics.
- Discussions with other parties. A large part of the attorney's work is developing relationships with utilities, other intervenors, PRC Staff, and the Attorney General's office to discuss CCAE's goals and perspective in cases, policy discussions, and broader discussions about the state's energy transition.
- Following regional developments. Ideally, the attorney will also follow developments throughout the West to consider New Mexico's position in the context of clean energy advocacy in other states, and to provide the New Mexico perspective to other groups; for example, discussions about regional markets in the West.
- Working with member groups and allies on press releases and communication strategy for high-profile cases.
- Organize workshops, events, and other strategic planning functions when needed and appropriate.
- Assist with grant proposals and communications with funders.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- J.D., and admission to the state bar of New Mexico, or ability to become licensed in New Mexico as soon as possible.
- Litigation or administrative advocacy experience; experience before regulatory commissions a huge plus.
- A background in, or at least familiarity with, technical and policy issues that advance clean energy and energy efficiency in the utility sector is preferred.
- Self-motivation and direction to work independently.
- Strong research, writing, and advocacy skills.
- Ability to be strategic about legal advocacy in the context of organizational goals.
- Strong interpersonal skills to foster relationships with members and outside parties.
- A positive and enthusiastic attitude about advancing clean energy policies in New Mexico!

DETAILS:

- CCAE hires on a contract-basis only; as such, the attorney will not be an employee of CCAE.
- Work from a home office. Future use of shared CCAE space in Santa Fe may be possible.
- Given the nature of the work, it is best if the attorney is located in Santa Fe, but that is negotiable for the right candidate.
- Pay commensurate with experience.

APPLICATION:

- To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, three references, and a writing sample to Don Hancock, CCAE Chairperson, at sricdon@earthlink.net.
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with an ideal start date of no later than August 2, 2021.