OPENING: The Power Group Section in the Department of Water & Power Division has an immediate opening for a power group attorney.

DIVISION INFORMATION: The Water & Power Division acts as counsel to the Department of Water & Power (DWP), its officers and employees and the Board of Water & Power Commissioners.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Attorney’s duties will include representing and advising DWP on a wide range of matters relating to the Power System’s operations. The responsibilities will entail transactional and litigation work, including the following:
1. Represent and advise DWP at the administrative, trial court and appellate levels on local, state and federal regulatory issues and requirements affecting DWP operations (FERC, CEC, CPUC), including appearances before state and federal regulatory agencies.
2. Prepare and review letters of intent and contracts for the purchase and sale of energy and transmission capacity, as well as the acquisition/disposition of generation and transmission facilities.
3. Review proposed and existing legislation on renewables, greenhouse gas, energy efficiency and other energy matters for potential impact to DWP.
4. Prepare and review legal documents for customer agreements, including rates, interconnection, fiber and telecommunication.
5. Prepare resolutions, ordinances and other documents necessary to implement the transactions and documents discussed above and advice relating to the powers and limitations imposed by the City Charter and other matters of general municipal law.
QUALIFICATIONS: Required qualifications:
Five (5) years of experience in regulatory law and public contracts or renewable energy transactions in a private or public utility arena and litigation experience is required. Travel to San Francisco, Sacramento, Washington D.C and other locations to attend meetings or regulatory hearings will be required.

The following qualifications are highly desirable:
- Demonstrated research skills;
- Strong written and oral communication and problem solving skills;
- Experience with municipal law; and
- Ability to deal effectively with public officials, departmental personnel and members of the public, and to work as part of a team.

WRITING SAMPLE: Candidates are also required to submit a writing sample which may be a recent brief, research memo or legal memo.

PROBATION: Appointment to these exempt positions (non-Civil-Service) will be subject to a two (2) year probationary period as required by Section 1050 of the City Charter. Successful completion of the two (2) year probationary period will result in tenure with the office.

APPLICATION AND DEADLINE: Attorneys interested in applying should submit their resume, cover letter, and writing sample, indicating in the subject line, “DCA – DWP – POWER GROUP (YOUR CALIFORNIA BAR NUMBER)” in ONE (1) PDF FILE via email only to atty.recruit@lacity.org.

Interviews ongoing until position is filled.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: This position is designated Category 22 on Schedule B of the Conflict of Interest Code.

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