

DIRECTOR OF ENERGY POLICY AND PLANNING
Department of Public Service

The Vermont Department of Public Service is looking for an energy policy and planning expert to join the Department in this leadership role. This senior-level staff position heads the Planning and Energy Resources Division, which acts as the Vermont State Energy Office, and is hands-on in statewide clean energy development, energy efficiency program oversight, electric utility planning, market forecasts and rate setting, and all other aspects of state energy planning and policy. This includes development of plans, studies and reports to meet statutory and other obligations, notably including the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan. This role also includes advising the Commissioner and Legislature about energy policy matters, and testimony before the Vermont Public Service Board.

The Department is at the forefront of pioneering energy policy and programs. It is through this office that Vermont will achieve the goals of 25% renewable energy across all sectors by 2025, and 90% renewable energy by 2050, while maintaining appropriate regulatory oversight. Vermont is a leader in harnessing distributed energy resources, and will continue to lead energy policy as new technologies emerge to achieve cost-effective energy stability and security for the State, while meeting our carbon and energy goals.

The position requires thorough knowledge of energy policy and power planning practices, energy markets and forecasts, statistics, economic modeling and research methodologies, and considerable knowledge of energy efficiency programs and renewable energy development. Additionally, candidates should have demonstrated ability to lead a team of energy experts. Strong written and verbal communication skills are required, along with the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associations, utility representatives, governmental officials, and private citizens. Strong preference is afforded to candidates with an advanced degree and/or studies in economics, public administration, or energy/environmental policy.

This is a full time, exempt position. Salary based upon qualifications and experience. The State of Vermont offers an excellent total compensation package.

The State of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please submit resume and references by mail or email to: David Tauscher, Public Service Department, 112 State St, Montpelier, VT 05620-2601 or david.tauscher@vermont.gov. Reference Job ID #620042. Location: Montpelier. Application Deadline: October 23, 2016.