



Position Description

Position: Regional Policy Manager, Clean Grid Alliance

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Reports to: Vice President, State Advocacy

Organization Description

Clean Grid includes two organizations working to advance clean energy in the Midwest – Clean Grid Alliance and Clean Grid Association. Both organizations coordinate to provide capabilities in the fast-changing clean energy sector.

- **Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization** focused on:
 - Identifying and supporting construction of large-scale infrastructure needed for the transition to clean energy in the Midwest.
 - Addressing challenges to siting wind, solar, storage and transmission projects in 9 midwestern states.
 - Planning, markets, and operations work at the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO – grid operator) to modernize the wholesale energy market.
 - Communicating the numerous benefits of developing clean energy projects at the local, state, and regional levels.
- **Clean Grid Association is a 501(c)(6) trade association** representing a unified business voice in the Midwest for clean energy developers and manufacturers, supply chain companies, law firms, and a variety of other businesses that develop and/or support clean energy.

Clean Grid members are comprised of wind, solar and battery storage developers and manufacturers, merchant transmission developers, non-profit environmental, public interest and clean energy advocacy organizations and other businesses that support clean energy. Clean Grid’s footprint spans nine states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri. CGA is also doing some work in MISO South states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

Position Summary

The Regional Policy Manager is responsible for renewable energy policy advocacy as needed in CGA’s states. The Regional Policy Manager will work collaboratively as a member of the State Advocacy team to advance public policies to support a transition to clean energy in the Midwest. This staff position is responsible for identifying and implementing pertinent policies, procedures, laws and regulations at the

state, regional, and local levels. Representing CGA, the Regional Policy Manager will interact with key decision-makers including state legislators, state regulatory commissioners, local elected officials, CGA consultants, partner organizations, philanthropic partners, Washington DC-based clean energy trade associations (ACP, SEIA, ACORE, AEU and others), and others as needed. The work will include educating decision makers and others on clean energy matters, understanding and advocating for needed changes in rules, regulations, and laws to facilitate efficient development of renewable energy projects, soliciting and compiling input from CGA members to craft policy positions, participating on CGA's behalf in work groups, presenting CGA's priorities and viewpoints, and creating an environment in which clean energy development can thrive. This position will also work collaboratively with CGA's Siting and Communication Teams.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Serve as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) and lead advocate for renewable energy policies as needed in CGA's states.
2. In conjunction with others on the State Advocacy Team, and CGA membership, set yearly legislative priorities and positions, and multi-year strategies for renewable energy policy development.
3. Prepare testimony, policy statements, supporting written materials such as fact sheets, and deliver messaging to key decision makers.
4. Provide analysis of proposed legislation, regulatory actions, utility, or corporate purchasing plans to determine possible impact on renewable energy projects.
5. Articulate renewable energy policy trends, key topics, and translate into actionable items at the state, regional or local levels as appropriate.
6. With Communications Team, advise on blogs, social media posts, and other materials for use in communicating CGA policy positions.
7. With Siting Team, collaborate and participate in events at the local level.
8. Prepare monthly articles for CGA member e-newsletter.
9. As part of the State Advocacy Team, participate in preparing a yearly budget to support legislative, regulatory, and other priorities, and help manage work to budget.
10. Establish and maintain positive and collaborative relationships with Washington DC-based trade organizations such as American Clean Power Association (ACP), Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) and others as needed.
11. Participate in or lead state work group calls/Zoom to gather and coordinate member input.
12. Other responsibilities may be assigned as needed.

Job Qualifications:

1. Bachelor's degree in public policy, environmental science, political science, or related field.
2. Minimum of 5-7 years relevant work experience in public policy, regulatory affairs or related field required, with a track record of proven success in implementing policies or influencing policy and regulatory matters.
3. Demonstrated knowledge of clean energy, particularly wind, solar and energy storage.
4. Ability to analyze, understand, and explain complex proposed public policies, legislation, regulatory filings, and other relevant materials.

5. Ability to create and make oral and written presentations on CGA policies, priorities, and proposals to a variety of audiences.
6. Experience engaging, influencing, and working collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders across different interests.
7. Preferred experience presenting before regulators, policymakers, utilities, and other key stakeholders.
8. Ability to juggle multiple tasks and priorities at once, perform well in fast-paced environment and effectively apply good judgement skills.
9. Ability to work effectively as part of a team and is able to build consensus and lead action-oriented plans.
10. Self-starter who can work independently, problem solve and focus on goal achievement.
11. Ability to travel as required by the position.

Salary and Benefits

The salary range for the Regional Policy Manager is \$75,000-\$90,000 but depends upon experience and the candidate's qualifications. Excellent benefits include 100% employer paid health, dental, and vision insurance, long-and short-term disability, flexible work environment, generous vacation, 11.5 paid holidays, sick leave, and substantial employer contribution to retirement plan after employee is vested after 1 year of employment.

TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION

Please email a cover letter (including salary requirement), and resume to cleangridalliance@gmail.com with "Regional Policy Manager" in the Subject line. No recruiters please.

Clean Grid Alliance/Association is an equal opportunity employer.