



Markets and Transmission Director Job Posting

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Job Summary

Transmission expansion and a Western organized power market, or Western Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), are both mission critical to Interwest and the clean energy industry. These opportunities are key to reliably and cost-effectively integrating and connecting the Western US' world-class clean energy resources to growing consumer demand. This unique opportunity to join the Interwest team as Markets and Transmission Director is focused on developing and implementing cutting edge strategies and direct advocacy to expand transmission and advance the Western United States to achieving a Western RTO.

Interwest members, who top the US and world in renewable energy projects, are actively developing large-scale wind, solar, storage and transmission projects across the Interwest footprint of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. This opportunity to advance renewable power and combat climate change is in the perfect setting as it combines working for the premier renewable energy trade association focused on the Rocky Mountain/Southwest US. The Markets and Transmission Director will serve in a senior leadership role at the organization.

About Interwest Energy Alliance

Established in 2002, the Interwest Energy Alliance is a 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association representing the nation's leading wind, solar, and storage companies, bringing them together with the West's energy and conservation advocacy community to expand deployment of a reliable, cost-effective, and diverse portfolio of renewable energy resources.

Interwest is active in the six states of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. Interwest retains lobbyists, attorneys, and expert consultants to represent its members' interests in its footprint states, focusing on legislative and regulatory proceedings and working with governors, state energy offices, regulators, utilities, and other energy policy stakeholders.

Scope of Duties

The Markets and Transmission Director will work across the six-state Interwest region with coordination across the broader West; the position reports directly to the Executive Director.

- Working with the Executive Director, lead the development of the organization's regional strategy on transmission expansion and Western RTO/market expansion development before state regulatory bodies, in regional forums, and in state legislatures and executive offices.
- Develop industry principles, guidance documents, and talking points regarding the importance of interregional transmission planning and market expansion development.

- Partnering with the Senior Regulatory Counsel, represent the organization in regional transmission planning forums and market expansion conversations, including stakeholder forums with the California Independent System Operator, Southwest Power Pool, and Western Power Pool. Represent the perspective of the utility-scale renewable energy industry and develop comments shaping market design.
- Identify state-specific opportunities to support wholesale market expansion and regional transmission planning. Engage and implement policy strategies to achieve this vision.
- Engage and implement policy strategies with expanding organized wholesale markets and their participants working in the West.
- Maintain relationships and negotiate policy positions with external stakeholders and collaborators.
- Regularly meet with decision-makers in priority states to educate and inform about the benefits transmission expansion and market development.
- Maintain and expand professional working relationships with governors, state energy offices, and regulatory bodies.
- Identify and participate in events relevant to renewable energy and transmission industry issues, such as industry conferences and other key events, in coordination with other team members.
- Participate in Interwest Board and regulatory committee meetings.
- Coordinate with Interwest policy and regulatory staff on priorities. As needed, manage consultants and other technical experts on topics of market design and transmission expansion.

Qualifications

- Undergraduate degree in a related field with 5+ years relevant experience.
- Understanding of the energy and utility regulatory process.
- A strong, high-level network of contacts in the energy/electricity policy community and established coalition-building skills.
- Sound judgment and instincts, good analytical, conceptual and strategic thinking skills, the ability to develop and manage projects independently, the ability to adapt and respond quickly to change.
- The ability to work independently, handle multiple tasks simultaneously, establish priorities, meet deadlines, and solve problems as they arise.
- Strong communication skills, both written and oral, as well as the ability to give informative and persuasive presentations in front of diverse audiences. Public speaking experience required.
- Enthusiasm, patience, and cultural competence to work cooperatively on a variety of projects with lawyers, organizers, other staff members, and with diverse community organizations and coalitions.
- Proven willingness and ability to work productively as part of a team.

Location

Location flexible; should be based in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming with convenient access to airport. Regular travel within the West required.

Salary & Benefits

Salary range for this position \$95,000 - \$130,000; salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package includes health, dental, and vision coverage, a 401(k) retirement plan, paid vacation, sick, and Family & Medical Leave.

Interwest is committed to diversity and a workplace that values the individual and respects differences of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religion, ability, and socio-economic circumstance.

Application process

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to admin@interwest.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, with a targeted posting close date of June 1, 2023.