



## **Idaho Policy Associate**

### **Background**

The NW Energy Coalition is an alliance of more than 110 environmental, civic, and human service organizations, progressive utilities and businesses in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. We promote development of energy efficiency and renewable energy, low-income and consumer protection in energy policy decisions, and fish and wildlife restoration on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Energy policy is critical to the economic and environmental health of the Northwest. Ensuring that individual utilities, state governments and the region pursue clean and affordable energy strategies for meeting our need for power is a central focus for the Coalition. We drive home the link between energy resource development and climate change. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector is a top priority.

This position is located in Boise, Idaho.

### **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

- Analysis and critique of utility and state electric, natural gas and climate policy proposals in various energy resource planning venues.
- Represent the Coalition in regulatory and utility proceedings.
- Represent the Coalition during the Idaho legislative session as necessary and appropriate.
- Educate policymakers on energy efficiency, renewable energy, consumer protection and climate policies.
- Prepare materials and conduct briefings for policymakers, Coalition members and allies.
- Work with diverse Coalition members and allies to resolve conflicts and develop mutually supportive policy positions.
- Write articles for Coalition publications.
- Assist outreach staff in mobilizing Coalition member organizations and community activists for public hearings and related public involvement.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

### **Requirements**

Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline and two years post-college experience in public policy work. Experience may substitute for education. Relevant professional experience includes (but is not limited to) work in political, policy, legal or government settings. Expertise in economics, statistics, financial analysis or engineering is desirable. Position requires excellent written and oral communications skills, especially the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences from technical experts to the general public. Must

be able to juggle multiple tasks and to produce quickly in time-sensitive policy deliberations. Willingness to travel throughout Idaho with occasional trips out of state.

**Salary and benefits:** Salary \$32,000 to \$35,000 DOE. Excellent benefits include generous dental and medical insurance, paid vacation and employer matching retirement plan. NWECC is an equal opportunity employer.

**Position is open until filled.** Application review will begin 12/21/10. In order to help us efficiently process applications and to ensure that your application is received, please observe the following:

- 1.) Please submit your application via e-mail to Gwen Heisterkamp at gwen (at) nwenergy (dot) org.
- 2.) In the subject line of your e-mail: "First name Last name, Idaho Policy Associate"
- 3.) In the body of your e-mail, please indicate where you found out about the position.
- 4.) Please include a resume, cover letter and a writing sample

For more information about the NW Energy Coalition go to [www.nwenergy.org](http://www.nwenergy.org).  
Start date: ASAP.