Senior Attorney or Director (Energy)

The Institute for Policy Integrity at New York University School of Law (www.policyintegrity.org) is seeking applicants for a senior attorney or director with a focus on energy law.

About the Institute for Policy Integrity:
Housed at New York University School of Law, the Institute Policy Integrity (“Policy Integrity”) is a non-partisan think tank dedicated to improving the quality of governmental decisionmaking through legal advocacy and academic scholarship. Policy Integrity’s interdisciplinary mission focuses on the rational use of economic analysis in government decisionmaking and how tools like cost-benefit analysis can improve policy design. Policy Integrity’s portfolio covers a range of issue areas, with an emphasis on federal- and state-level energy policies and federal environmental protections.

Position Summary:
Policy Integrity is seeking a senior attorney or director to help lead a diverse team that advocates for the efficient decarbonization of the energy system. This individual will work closely with Policy Integrity’s economists and lawyers to advance federal and state energy policies. Our focus areas include wholesale electricity market design, energy infrastructure (including transmission and natural gas pipelines), distributed energy resources, and energy justice. Depending on interest and need, the individual will also have the opportunity to work on select Policy Integrity projects outside of the area of energy policy. This position will report to Policy Integrity’s Executive Director.

Responsibilities:

- Track and analyze emerging issues in energy law and policy at the federal and state level
- Draft regulatory comments, petitions for rulemakings, and other formal submissions to agencies, including, but not limited to, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, and state public utility commissions
- Represent Policy Integrity in partnerships with other academic institutions, think tanks, and non-governmental organizations
- Author reports and academic papers
- Draft op-eds, respond to media inquiries, and discuss Policy Integrity’s energy-related work at conferences, on social media, and in other situations
- Draft amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, DC Circuit, and other courts in major energy and environmental cases
- Supervise legal and economics fellows, summer law clerks, research assistants, and students in the NYU School of Law’s Regulatory Policy Clinic

Directors, in addition to the list above, will:

- Provide programmatic leadership in energy policy, and help shape Policy Integrity’s positions on key issues
- Work with the Executive Director to set, manage, and adjust the overall development strategy for Policy Integrity’s energy policy work
• Work with other directors to devise and implement strategies for Policy Integrity’s broader energy, environmental, and climate efforts, and help oversee organizational operations

Requirements and Qualifications:
• A commitment to advancing the mission of Policy Integrity
• JD, with superior academic achievement
• 6+ years of relevant legal experience for senior attorney candidates, 12+ years of relevant legal experience for director candidates
• Excellent writing skills
• Specialized experience in electricity law, either in FERC or state utility proceedings
• A good understanding of electricity markets and regulation
• Ability to navigate high-stakes and complex situations under time pressure, and excellent judgement about how to approach uncertain policy considerations
• Specialized knowledge in environmental law, administrative law, or economics; clerkships; litigation experience; legislative experience; or advanced degrees in relevant disciplines are valued, but not necessary

Policy Integrity is committed to a culture in which all people are welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse applicants, and we consider multiple aspects of diversity.

NYU is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to a policy of equal treatment and opportunity in every aspect of its recruitment and hiring process without regard to age, alienage, caregiver status, childbirth, citizenship status, color, creed, disability, domestic violence victim status, ethnicity, familial status, gender and/or gender identity or expression, marital status, military status, national origin, parental status, partnership status, predisposing genetic characteristics, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, unemployment status, veteran status, or any other legally protected basis. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply for vacant positions at all levels.

Benefits and Terms of Employment:
In compliance with NYC’s Pay Transparency Act, the annual salary range is $115,000 - $140,000 for the senior attorney position, or $140,000 - $160,000 for the director position.

NYU offers an excellent, comprehensive benefits package including generous paid time off and retirement contributions. Information about benefits can be viewed here. Partial relocation assistance (exact amount based on distance) will be provided. Policy Integrity staff members also have access to academic enrichment opportunities at NYU School of Law, including some faculty workshops, colloquia, and other scholarly forums.

Policy Integrity follows a hybrid schedule that requires three days in our New York City office per week. For this position, occasional travel is also expected.

To Apply:
Interested attorneys should send:
(1) a cover letter detailing your interest in the position and your relevant electricity law experience,
(2) a brief statement on how your background or experiences would enhance the diversity, inclusivity, and perspectives of Policy Integrity,
(3) a resume,
(4) a law school transcript,
(5) one or two writing samples, with a preference for independently authored articles, briefs, memoranda, blog posts, public comments, reports, or other relevant writings, and
(6) the names of three references.

All materials should be sent to policyintegrity.jobs@gmail.com, with “Energy Attorney Application” in the subject line. The review of applications will begin February 9, 2023. Positions will be open until filled.