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## DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY – ENERGY TEAM

The San Francisco City Attorney's Office is an innovative, nationally-recognized municipal law office working to protect and advance the rights and interests of San Francisco residents. With over 180 talented, dedicated, and diverse attorneys and strong, committed support staff, the Office provides the highest quality legal services to all San Francisco client departments.

The City Attorney's Office is an equal opportunity employer committed to creating a positive, respectful, diverse, and inclusive work environment. The Office welcomes and encourages qualified applicants of all backgrounds.

**Position:** The Office's Energy and Telecommunications Team (Energy Team) seeks a qualified and motivated California-licensed attorney for a full-time position that handles energy and technology/telecommunications matters.

**About the Energy Team:** The Energy Team advises City departments and officials on energy and telecommunications legal matters. On energy matters, the team works closely with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission which operates two retail electricity businesses: Hetch Hetchy Power (HHP) and CleanPowerSF (CPSF). HHP is a municipal utility that provides electric service to City agencies and related entities. CPSF is a community choice program that purchases clean energy for SF businesses and residents who want to participate. On telecommunications and technology matters, the team advises the City's Department of Technology on contract negotiation and drafting, cyber-security policy, telecommunications law and policy. The team has an active regulatory practice before federal and state agencies on energy and telecommunications matters. Attorneys on the team regularly monitor and advise on relevant federal and state legislation and assist local policymakers with developing their own proposals and understanding local, state, and federal legislation proposed by others.

**Responsibilities:** The Energy Team seeks an experienced attorney who will perform many functions:

- Advise on requirements for operating HHP and CPSF, including those related to rates, environmental and regulatory compliance, wildfire mitigation, and other safety measures.
- Monitor and advise on stakeholder processes and requirements established by the California Independent Operator. Negotiate and draft power purchase agreements and service agreements with PG&E and others.
- Represent HHP and CPSF before regulatory agencies including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission and in related court actions.
- Advise City Departments responding to cybersecurity incidents.
- Draft service level agreements for cloud services procured by the Department of Technology on behalf of City Departments.
- Review and recommend best practices and compliance guidelines for data management in accordance with municipal, state and federal privacy laws.
- Monitor and represent the City in Federal Communications Commission proceedings and related court actions.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Excellent drafting and negotiating skills
- Excellent communication and legal analytical skills
- Ability to assume responsibility quickly and work independently and efficiently
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and clients, with a positive attitude
- Ability to manage and appropriately balance multiple assignments, meet deadlines, and adjust to fluctuations in workload
- An interest in and commitment to public service
- Understanding of government operations and regulations
- Substantive knowledge of laws governing the energy and telecommunications fields

**Other Information:** Attorneys are represented by the Municipal Attorneys Association. Information about compensation and benefits can be found here: [8177 Attorney - Classification & Compensation](#).

**Application:** If you are interested in this position, please submit your resume and cover letter to [careeropportunities@sfcityatty.org](mailto:careeropportunities@sfcityatty.org) and specify that you are applying for the Energy and Telecommunications Team position. Your cover letter should highlight why you consider yourself a good fit for the position. Applicants who advance in the selection process must submit two references.