

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

ECONOMIST / SENIOR ECONOMIST

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ABOUT THE MARKET SURVEILLANCE ADMINISTRATOR

The Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA) is a public agency that protects and promotes the fair, efficient, and openly competitive operation of Alberta's electricity and retail natural gas markets. The MSA conducts surveillance of Alberta's electricity and retail natural gas markets and undertakes enforcement activities to ensure compliance with all applicable electricity and natural gas legislation, the Alberta Reliability Standards, and the Independent System Operator's rules.

The MSA's work is carried out by a small group of highly trained economists, analysts, and legal and administrative staff. If you are looking for a challenging and collegial environment where everyone's contribution counts, the MSA welcomes you to our team. We reward our staff with competitive compensation and benefits, as well as the opportunity to continuously develop new skills and abilities.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The MSA's is looking to recruit an Economist / Senior Economist. The Economist / Senior Economist will have the following responsibilities:

- Manage designated special projects of strategic importance to the MSA that take the form of internal and public reports rooted in rigorous economic analysis, including making substantive own contributions and coordinating internal MSA resources with MSA management as appropriate.
- Provide economic and market subject-matter expertise in relation to a wide range of MSA activities, including on investigation and enforcement matters, regular public reporting, the setting of corporate goals, and mentorship and training. This may be done by supporting the work of colleagues, including editing and commenting on written materials, or as the lead or sole staff person assigned to a file.
- Represent the MSA in public and private consultations, working groups, committees, and meetings with the Department of Affordability and Utilities, other government departments, other public agencies, and electricity market participants. Or rare occasions, represent the MSA as a witness in proceedings before the Alberta Utilities Commission.

- Assist, guide, mentor, and train MSA staff and consultants to administer perform complex investigative and enforcement assignments.
- Develop means to review and apply relevant lessons and experience from organizations similar to the MSA in other electricity markets.

To complete this work successfully, the Economist / Senior Economist will work individually and as part of teams. They will be expected to develop road maps, analytical frameworks, methodologies, and work plans that are appropriate to their assigned tasks, conduct analysis, and present and actively seek feedback regarding results and the implications of their work. Active project management and the ability to prioritize competing demands will be essential for success in the position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- For an Economist:
 - Bachelor's degree in economics, engineering, mathematics, business, or other quantitative discipline. A Master's degree would be an asset. Willingness and eagerness to learn is essential.
 - 2+ years of professional experience defining problems, establishing hypotheses based in economic theory and industrial organization literature, rigorously analyzing complex data to test hypotheses, evaluating results, and drawing conclusions.
 - Work experience in the Alberta electricity market would be an asset, including market assessment, design, compliance, and enforcement.
- For a Senior Economist:
 - Bachelor's degree in economics, engineering, mathematics, business, or other quantitative discipline. A Master's degree or significant technical training would be a significant asset. Willingness and eagerness to learn is essential.
 - 5+ years of professional experience (including over 10 years of experience) defining problems, establishing hypotheses based in economic theory and industrial organization literature, rigorously analyzing complex data to test hypotheses, evaluating results, and drawing conclusions.
 - Work experience in the Alberta electricity market would be an asset, including market assessment, design, compliance, and enforcement. Demonstrated experience in project management and staff mentoring would also be an asset.
 - Substantial participation in public consultations, working groups, committees, and meetings.

- For an Economist / Senior Economist:
 - Exceptional written and oral communications skills, including the demonstrated ability to effectively present information to and receive constructive feedback from colleagues, industry professionals, and public groups through written reports and oral presentations.
 - Ability to work effectively individually and on teams and under inflexible time constraints.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in this role and meet the required qualifications, please submit (i) a cover letter that demonstrates each of the qualifications outlined above and (ii) a curriculum vitae before 4 p.m. MT on Thursday, December 22, quoting the position title in the subject line, to careers@albertamsa.ca. You may include a professional portfolio of materials that assist in demonstrating your qualifications.

We thank all applicants for their interest in the MSA; however only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Successful candidates will need to undergo background checks prior to the commencement of employment, which may include eligibility to work in Canada.

Applications for this position may be used to fill similar positions should they become available, including more senior positions.

PRIVACY NOTICE

The personal information contained in cover letters and resumes is being collected for the purpose of determining your eligibility and qualifications for a position with the MSA. This information is collected in accordance with section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, please contact the MSA's FOIP Coordinator, Suite 600, 440 - Second Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2P 0L6 or by telephone at 403-705-3181