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Jay Griffin provides over 20 years' experience of analysis and implementation of clean energy policy in support of RAP's U.S. team. In 2022, he finished his term on the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission where he served as Chair for over 3 years. During his time, the Commission led an award-winning, stakeholder engagement process to implement performance-based regulation for the state's largest electric utility. In addition, the Commission oversaw the largest procurements of utility-scale renewable energy in state history and transition plans to retire aging, fossil-fueled power plants, including Hawaii's last coal plant. To support these plant retirements, the Commission also directed new and existing customer programs to help meet peak demand periods with distributed energy resources.

Prior to serving on the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, Griffin was an assistant researcher at the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute at the University of Hawaii. His research focused on grid integration studies of renewable energy and demonstration projects to support the state's clean energy goals. From 2012 to 2016, he served as the chief of policy and research at the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission.

Jay Griffin has a doctorate in policy analysis from the Pardee Rand Graduate School where he also served as a policy researcher from 2004 to 2009. He holds a master's in economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a joint master's degree from Duke University in public policy and environmental management. Griffin graduated from Williams College with a bachelor's degree in political economy.

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Hi Jessica - I filled out the poll and forwarded to Commissioner Lewis (copied him here too). Thank you very much and look forward to talking soon!

Jay

On Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 10:19 AM Jessica Bell <jessica.bell@nyu.edu> wrote:

That sounds great. If it's ok with you, we will invite Brian Frosh, former attorney general of Maryland, to join. He is advising us on this expansion. I set up a doodle poll to try to find a time, since it seems like we'll have a lot of folks joining, but please let me know if you'd prefer a different way to schedule:

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/eXrrJIWb>.

Jessica

On Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 2:55 PM Jay Griffin <jaypgriffin5@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi - thanks for checking. I sent the agreement to Commissioner Lewis and staff. They did not have questions/concerns with the language. They have an interested candidate lined up already. I can definitely have a call when you're free and would probably make sense to include Commissioner Lewis and Charlotte Cravens who is his Chief of Staff.

On Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 3:04 AM Jessica Bell <jessica.bell@nyu.edu> wrote:

Hi Jay,

Just wanted to check in on this. Would it make sense to get another call scheduled?

All my best,

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On Fri, Mar 24, 2023 at 1:27 PM Jay Griffin <jaypgriffin5@gmail.com> wrote:

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Commissioner Lewis,

Thanks for sending this along. On the work being similar to others on the legal team, I think our goal is that the fellow will have the same general sorts of work and be treated the same as peers in the office, so perhaps we could change that term to "The PSC will assign the Legal Fellow substantive work and responsibility matching that of other attorneys staff in the agency with similar experience and background." We can give this some additional thought and happy to discuss as well.

On the salary, we have some restrictions on when we are able to request raises, so I think setting the salary to match what you hope to get your Chief of Staff and Technical Assistant to makes sense. Also, I wanted to confirm that this position will be full time?

Thanks!

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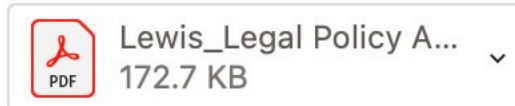
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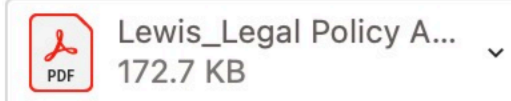
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From: Jessica Bell <jessica.bell@nyu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 3:35:42 PM
To: Davante (PSC Internal) <Davante@la.gov>
Cc: Jay Griffin <jaypgriffin5@gmail.com>; Damali Harding <dharding@raponline.org>; Bethany Davis Noll <bethany.davisnoll@nyu.edu>; Kathryn Bowman <kathryn.bowman@la.gov>
Subject: Re: follow up on PUC fellowship

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Davante,

I am attaching a redlined and clean version of the secondment agreement. Kathryn and I chatted earlier today - thanks for connecting us. I am copying her here, and we have resolved all the comments, so this should be ready to go. Thanks!

All my best,
Jessica

On Thu, May 25, 2023 at 7:43 PM Jessica Bell <jessica.bell@nyu.edu> wrote:

Davante,

I am attaching a few minor comments on the job posting, thank you for sending it along. And thanks for connecting me with Kathryn, I'll speak with her next week about a couple of items in the secondment. I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

All my best,
Jessica

On Wed, May 24, 2023 at 4:23 PM Davante (PSC Internal) <Davante@la.gov> wrote:

Howdy Jessica,

Yes you are right- it's the wrong version of the right document. I didn't change the name so just clicked the working draft and not the final draft.

I have attached our edits of the posting. I will not that we can discuss or move up the salary to \$60K instead of the \$55K currently written. We have had hopeful conversation to raise the salaries for my Chief of staff and technical assistant.

Yes, Kathryn is a good resource and I have kept her abreast on our conversation. It might make sense for y'all go talk to each other. Please let me know if you need anything in the meantime.

Her email is:
kathryn.bowman@la.gov

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Matthews, Annie R

To: Edward Yeilding

Cc: Charlotte Cravins, Davante (PSC Internal)

NYU Resources & Time Off Policy

Sep 27, 2023 at 12:44:33 PM EDT

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Attachments (1) ▾

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Hello All,

I had a meeting with the NYU State Impact Center directors today and got a little clarity on some resources available to me and their time off policy.

I attached the time off policy here if you are interested. Essentially though they just want me to have any time off approved by y'all and then I can let them know. They also have a pretty robust [holiday calendar](#) since it's a University, but I will plan to follow you all's lead on holidays.

More importantly I wanted to let you know what resources are available to me through NYU. Please let me know if you ever need access to one of these and I'll see if I can share my account info:

NY Times
Wall Street Journal
Washington Post
Bloomberg
E&E News
Inside EPA
Law360
Lexis Advance
Westlaw

I also have access to NYU's entire research library so if you ever need research help or want to access a certain book/article let me know and I'll see if I can find it.

Additionally, Jessica and Bethany said that if there are conferences or events our office would like me to go to, that I should let them know and they will try to find funding for me to attend.

Best,

Annie Matthews (she/her/hers)

J.D. II Class of 2023

Tulane University Law School

Davante (PSC Internal)

Aug 28, 2023 at 3:05:45 PM EDT

To: Jessica Bell, Bethany Davis Noll

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Cc: Charlotte Cravins, Matthews, Annie R, Edward Yeilding

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NYU Fellowship- Louisiana PSC Candidate

Attachments (3) ▾

Howdy,

I hope all is well. First, thank you for choosing my office to be a host site for your fellowship. We are honored and really looking forward to the work ahead. I am pleased to say after an exclusive search and high caliber of candidates, we have selected a stellar candidate for the position.

Annie Mathews has accepted the position at a salary of \$60,000. I am attaching her resume and including her on this email. We have identified the start date for *September 11th, 2023*. We selected this date to allow you all enough time to do the needed paperwork. However, we are both flexible to move up or back that date.

I know Annie might have some questions for you all so I wanted to ensure you were connected. Once again, thank you for this opportunity and we are looking forward to the work ahead.

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Davante Lewis

To: Crystal Ciszek, Edward Yeilding

Cc: Hannah Polikov, Alison Ellz, Jeremiah Holston, Sophie Watterson

Re: Insight Engine Policy Tool

Jun 8, 2023 at 3:38:11 PM EDT

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Howdy Crystal,

Thank you so much for following up. We will get registered and selected a training time with you. I am looking forward to meeting you as well.

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From: Crystal Ciszek <cciszek@advancedenergyunited.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 12:55:22 PM

To: Davante Lewis; Edward Yeilding

Cc: Hannah Polikov; Alison Ellz; Jeremiah Holston; Sophie Watterson

Subject: Re: Insight Engine Policy Tool

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Commissioner Lewis and Edward,

Thank you for your interest in Insight Engine™ (formerly PowerSuite). Advanced Energy United provides public utility commissioners and their staff with complementary Insight Engine™ access. You can register for access [here](#). Additionally, we also provide an onboarding where we do a walk-thru of the software highlighting the various functions, review any use cases, and answer questions. You can schedule your onboarding [here](#).

I look forward to meeting with you soon,

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From: Sophie Watterson <swatterson@advancedenergyunited.org>

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 1:08 PM

To: Davante Lewis <davante.lewis@la.gov>, edward.yeilding@la.gov <edward.yeilding@la.gov>

Cc: Hannah Polikov <hpolikov@advancedenergyunited.org>, Crystal Ciszek <cciszek@advancedenergyunited.org>, Alison Ellz <aellz@advancedenergyunited.org>

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Commissioner Lewis and Edward,

It was great seeing you both in New Orleans these past few days! I wanted to make an introduction with my colleague, Crystal Ciszek (copied), who can share a link to register for Insight Engine (formerly PowerSuite) if you haven't already and set up time for a demo on how to use the platform, if you and any other colleagues at the LA PSC are interested.