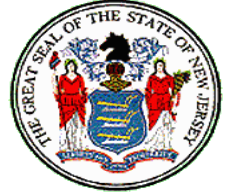




BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES NOTICE OF VACANCY



POSTING: 58-2026	OPENING DATE: AUGUST 14, 2026	CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2026
TITLE: RESEARCH ECONOMIST 3	WORKWEEK: 35 HOURS (NL)	EXISTING VACANCIES: 1
SALARY: \$91,628.18 - \$134,900.38	DIVISION/OFFICE: ECONOMIST OFFICE	

OPEN TO STATE EMPLOYEES

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Under the direction of the Chief Economist, gathers, analyzes and interprets economic data; designs and conducts surveys and/or other economic research studies; designs and conducts complex and/or sensitive economic research studies requiring comprehensive economic analysis, forecasting and economic modeling; utilizes economic and statistical principles, practices, and techniques to identify trends, analyze data, and develop forecasts; formulates recommendations; completes other related duties as required.

WORK RESPONSIBILITIES

Assists with analysis of clean and renewable energy program and project proposals, and energy efficiency proposals. Review and summarize testimony, prepare discovery, and draft position memos, briefs and orders. Participate in settlement negotiations. Provides insight, advice and recommendations on utility regulatory issues including financing, mergers and acquisitions, corporate strategy and management, corporate financial planning and management and capital budgeting. Completes periodic reports outlining the status of proceedings, key issues, the Board's position on subject matter to be submitted to the Chief Economist as requested and completes updates as cases develop. Prepares benefit-cost analyses to evaluate policy options. Plans and conducts independent research to estimate, project, and forecast changes in employment, population, income, hours worked, supply and demand, industrial growth, and other indicators of economic activity. Devises methods for collecting and processing economic and statistical data and organizes and interprets such data. Compiles economic and statistical data relative to the area of assignment; ensures the accuracy and integrity of the data. Analyzes and interprets highly sensitive and/or non-routine data to evaluate economic factors; utilizes statistical software, and the application of modeling and trend analysis techniques. Designs and conducts surveys utilizing sampling techniques and monitors experiments to obtain desired types of information. Studies labor and cost theories, formulates methods and procedures explaining these principles, and establishes new sampling and other procedures designed to improve present techniques. Takes the lead in designing projects which are components of a broader research effort, and assigns research staff to develop, conduct, and evaluate pilot projects and refine existing programs. Acts as an advisor or consultant to economic and statistical research personnel concerning methods and applications. Evaluates results of research and prepares recommendations for implementing or rejecting proposed solutions or plans. Maintains records and files.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Possession of a Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, Industrial Relations, Public Administration, or Business Administration from an accredited college or university, including or supplemented by twelve (12) graduate credit hours in Economics.

NOTE: A Doctorate's degree in Economics is required for promotion, or type of appointment to the next higher level, Research Economist 4.

EXPERIENCE: Three (3) years of comprehensive, technical research and analysis experience in the field of economics or a closely allied field having a strong economics orientation and which shall have included satisfactory completion of at least one (1) independently conducted economic research project of professional quality.

NOTE: A Master's thesis or other reports related to the academic program will not be considered fulfillment of the research project requirement.

NOTE: A Doctorate degree in Economics in an area which may include a majority of coursework related to economics may be substituted for indicated experience and research project.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BENEFITS: The State of New Jersey offers a variety of employee benefits statewide, including:

- Health and Dental Benefit Plans
- Prescription Drug Plan
- Vision Care Reimbursement
- Deferred Compensation
- 12 Vacation Days, 15 Sick Days, 3 Administrative Leave Days
- 13 Paid Holidays
- Telework available for some positions after 120 days of employment* (*Pursuant to the BPU's policy, procedures, and/or guidelines*)
- Flexible and Health Savings Accounts
- Public Student Loan Forgiveness
- Paid Leave for Military Training

HOURS OF WORK: The hours of work for this position are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All No Limit (NL) titles will be required to perform work beyond the stated hours of work as needed, in compliance with applicable collective bargaining agreements and laws.

STATE AS A MODEL EMPLOYER (SAME) APPLICANTS If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. [The SAME program allows candidates, who identify as having a significant disability, to apply for non-competitive and unclassified positions through a fast track hiring process. For more information about the SAME program and the Fast Track Hiring program, please \[click here\]\(#\) if you have any questions, please email, or call the contact as indicated on the job vacancy announcement.](#)

TELEWORK: This position may be eligible to participate in the Department's Telework Program after 120 days of employment, which offers eligible employees the opportunity to work remotely up to two (2) days per week, if approved by management per operational needs, subject to all requirements of the Department's Telework Program. For questions regarding Telework eligibility, please ask during the interview process if selected for an interview.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment verification forms upon hire. Selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship, and Immigration Services Regulations. The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for citizenships or Visas to the United States.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS: The "New Jersey First Act," N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70) effective September 1, 2011, contains new residency requirements for public officers and employees, unless exempted under the law. Current, new, or prospective employees should be aware of the following: *Effective September 1, 2011, all employees of State and local government must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you already work for the State or local government as of September 1, 2011, and you do not live in New Jersey, you are not required to move to New Jersey. However, if you begin your office, position or employment on September 1, 2011, or later, you must reside in New Jersey. If you do not reside in New Jersey, you have one year after the date you take your office, position, or employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey. If you do not do so, you are subject to removal from your office, position, or employment. For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/labor/research-info/njfirst.shtml>*

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Submissions must be received in time to the email address listed below to be considered.

Failure to submit all required documents may result in an ineligibility determination. Interviews will be granted based on the resume.

If you are qualified, please submit the documents listed below by 4:00 pm on the closing date of this vacancy:

- Cover letter/letter of interest indicating the posting number
- A current resume
- Proof of degree (a copy of your final official/unofficial transcripts and/or foreign degree evaluation)
- Writing Sample
- A complete [State of NJ Employment Application](#) and [Personal Relationships Disclosure Form](#)

All documents must be submitted via email at humanresources@bpu.nj.gov (Subject line must include the specific job posting number).

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