

POSITION DESCRIPTION FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

1. **Qualifications and Requirements:** This is a full-time position, with the Commissioner serving on a five-member collegial body. The Commissioner should be competent and knowledgeable in one or more fields including accounting, economics, energy, engineering, finance, law, natural resource conservation, public affairs, or any other field(s) substantially related to the regulation of gas, electric, telecommunications, water, and wastewater utilities. The Commissioner must abide by the qualifications specified in s. 350.04, *Florida Statutes*, and subscribe to the oath specified in s. 350.05, *Florida Statutes*, before entering the duties of the office. The Commissioner must comply with s. 350.041, *Florida Statutes*, regarding standards of conduct; s. 350.042, *Florida Statutes*, regarding ex parte communications; s. 286.011, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the Sunshine Law; and the Code of Ethics outlined in Part III of Chapter 112, *Florida Statutes*.

2. **Location and Salary:** Subsection 350.06(1), *Florida Statutes*, requires that the office of the Commissioner be in the vicinity of Tallahassee. The principal activities of this position require the Commissioner's daily attendance in the Commission's office in Tallahassee unless attending to Commission-related business elsewhere. The current salary is \$158,094 per year.

3. **Duties and Responsibilities:** This position requires the ability to assimilate, analyze, and act on complex information related to regulation of public utilities, submitted by the Commission's staff, the Public Counsel, utility companies' representatives, other interested parties, and the general public. Information presented to the Commissioner is often highly technical and conceptually complex. The Commissioner must be able to understand, interpret, and act upon highly technical information which is presented to Commissioners on a regular basis. The Commissioner regularly participates in proceedings in which the Commission exercises high-level quasi-judicial and quasi-legislative functions related to regulated utilities. The Commissioner participates in regularly scheduled agenda conferences to make decisions regarding cases involving regulated utilities, to hear oral arguments from attorneys, and to make decisions related to policies and procedures for internal management of the Commission. The Commissioner travels statewide to attend customer service meetings and rate case proceedings, but most hearings are conducted in Tallahassee. The Commissioner may also represent the Commission on national committees and before federal agencies and Congress.

The Commission is responsible for regulating the rates and service quality for five investor-owned electric companies, eight investor-owned natural gas utilities, and 151 investor-owned water and/or wastewater utilities. The Commission also has competitive market oversight for more than 336 telecommunications companies. Additionally, the Commission has limited jurisdiction over municipal electric and gas utilities and rural electric cooperatives, and has other statutory responsibilities pursuant to Chapters 350, 364, 366, 367, 368, 403 and 427, *Florida Statutes*. Decisions of the Commission are subject to judicial review.