

Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA) is conducting a search for a government relations officer to join our team.

### **Experience and Skills**

The ideal candidate will have exceptional interpersonal skills, excelling at communicating with strong listening skills. Writing and verbal presentation skills are essential. The ability to think strategically and proactively and work well in a team is very important. Experience with legislative and regulatory processes is desired and familiarity with the utility industry, as well as agriculture, is a plus.

### **Position Summary**

The successful candidate will be part of the MECA lobbying team. This is a full-time salaried position based in Great Falls, Montana. The ability to travel regularly is required. Extended stays in the state capital during the biennial legislative session are also required. The candidate will report directly to the CEO, and in addition to lobbying, will represent MECA at various meetings, as well as work with other MECA team members on numerous projects.

### **Essential Personal Attributes**

- Integrity
- Adaptability
- Present one's self well
- Ability to remain positive in difficult situations

### **Desired Competencies**

- Business Acumen
- Communication Skills, including exceptional ability to listen
- Electric Distribution System Knowledge
- Cooperative Knowledge
- Leadership
- Organizational Skills
- Problem Solving
- Relationship Building
- Strategic Thinking
- Ability to effectively manage time
- Ability to lift and move up to 50 pounds.

### **Licenses**

Valid Driver's License

### **Background on MECA**

The Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association is a not-for-profit, statewide trade association representing 25 consumer-owned electric distribution cooperatives and three wholesale power supply cooperatives. Electric cooperatives provide electricity service to more than 400,000 Montanans. The cooperatives' service areas cover all 56 Montana counties. Collectively, Montana's electric cooperatives own and operate more than 56,000 miles of transmission and distribution power lines in Montana. Each cooperative is customer-owned, locally controlled and not-for-profit.

### **Compensation**

Competitive Compensation and Benefits package.

### **How to Apply**

To apply for this position, please email a resume' and letter of interest. All applications must be submitted electronically in one.pdf file. Submit the file to Lea Potoczny at [meca@mtco-ops.com](mailto:meca@mtco-ops.com) by the application deadline of **July 15, 2019**. All written correspondences are to be addressed to Gary Wiens, CEO, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association, P.O. Box 1306, Great Falls 59403. Oral questions may be referred to Ms. Potoczny. The phone number is (406) 761-8333.