

Director of Energy Studies

The Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida is seeking a Director of Energy Studies to provide leadership in PURC's numerous international and domestic research and training initiatives. The Director of Energy Studies will teach in the PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy, direct the development of advanced courses in regulation and customized courses on energy regulation, serve as an expert resource for regulatory professionals and policy makers in Florida and around the world, develop a research agenda that informs academic community and practitioners on emerging issues and best practices in energy policy, and organize portions of the PURC annual conference. The successful candidate will have strong analytical skills, an advanced degree in economics or a related field, experience in the field of energy regulation and policy, and an in-depth knowledge of energy issues. A Ph.D. is preferred, but other degrees will be considered.

The Director of Energy Studies is the center point for PURC's work in energy policy and regulation and the successful candidate will work with leaders in academia, government, and industry. The Director will maintain relationships with research institutes, international organizations, regulators and policy makers, and service providers. PURC directors typically work with universities in Europe, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, and North America; multilateral institutions such as the World Bank; regulatory associations such as the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators, the African Forum for Utility Regulators, and other regulatory associations; faculty at the University of Florida; and utility managers. Examples of recent projects include:

- Examining how Florida's electric infrastructure can better survive and recover from hurricanes;
- Studying various aspects of risk for nuclear power investments;
- Developing courses for utility regulators in the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia;
- Investigating optimal tariff designs for various issues, such as distributed generation, energy conservation, and affordability for the poor; and
- Developing an international body of knowledge on utility regulation.

Opportunities exist for the Director to be involved in teaching university courses, participating in departmental seminars and other campus events, advising students, and consulting.

PURC offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience, an excellent benefits package, an informal and collegial work environment in an academic setting, and the flexibility to develop and work on a variety of projects, both individually and with a team. The position is non-tenure and externally funded. Interested persons should send a curriculum vita and cover letter to:

Search Committee

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About PURC

PURC provides timely, rigorous, and policy-relevant research and is known for its integrity and fairness. Our events serve as forums for researchers and practitioners to share information and gain insights into pertinent research, as well as current problems faced by regulators, industry, and other stakeholders. Our training programs teach the principles and practices that support effective utility policy and regulation. In 2007 PURC researchers published 18 papers in academic and applied publications, had another 9 papers accepted for publication and are forthcoming, and submitted 6 additional papers for publication. The PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy is a two-week, intensive training program that has trained nearly 1900 professionals from 133 countries since its inception in 1997. In the past two years PURC has presented training programs in the Bahamas, Cambodia, Jamaica, Portugal, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, the United States, and Zambia. PURC is in the Department of Economics in the Warrington College of Business Administration. Visit PURC's web site for additional information on PURC, www.purc.ufl.edu.