



# Pacific Power Association

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## PACIFIC POWER ASSOCIATION

### ELECTRICAL POWER UTILITY ENGINEER

The Pacific Power Association (PPA), located in the Fiji Islands, wishes to appoint a self-motivated electrical power engineer with experience in power utilities in small Island States, who is actively looking for a challenging position in the largest region in the world, the Pacific Islands. This engineer must have a professional attitude, be enthusiastic and be able to work directly with the local staff of these small island utilities to help them improve the technical and economic performance of their utilities so they can minimize operating costs in the face of today's high fuel prices

An equal opportunity employer, the Pacific Power Association (PPA) is an Association of twenty five (25) power utilities in Pacific Islands located in the Western and Southern Pacific Ocean. Its Secretariat is based in Suva, a cosmopolitan city that is the capital of the Fiji Islands. The role of the Association is to improve the performance of these utilities as they contribute to the economic development of their Islands, and assist with poverty alleviation for the island citizens.

Information on the PPA can be obtained by accessing [www.ppa.org.fj](http://www.ppa.org.fj).

Because of the increasing work load, there is a need for an increase in the establishment based at the Secretariat for one electric power utility engineer.

This engineering position will be working for the benefit of the ten power utilities in the Pacific Islands that are affiliated with the United States. These Islands comprise the U.S. Territory of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the U.S. Territory of American Samoa

The electric power utility engineer will be responsible to the Executive Director for the following duties:

- The management of the PPA organized utility staff training courses for these utilities
- The management of new and existing PPA projects, including energy efficiency (supply side management) of these utilities.
- Management of Renewable Energy Workshops for utility staff.
- Following up with utilities on technical issues and problems they encounter
- Assisting these utilities with technical analysis and reporting of power system failures.
- Providing assistance with performance benchmarking of utilities.

- Management of the logistics of the Bi-annual Engineers Workshop that is held in conjunction with the Annual PPA Conference.
- Support and assist external consultants to carry out projects affecting these utilities.

The engineer will also be required to travel to visit and assist the member utilities mentioned above, that are located on different islands. During these visits the Engineer will assist the CEOs in any engineering problems they may be currently facing. One of the purposes of these visits will be for the PPA to become more aware of the day to day problems occurring in the utilities, so that assistance programs can be developed to aid the utilities

The position requires a degree in electrical engineering, with experience in small electric power systems, particularly diesel generated. Experience in developing countries particularly small island states would be an asset. All these utilities use the US standards and generate power using diesel generating sets, so the applicant must be familiar with both. With the exception of Guam which has 115KV transmission and 34.5KV sub-transmission, the other utilities in the main have a distribution system of 13.8KV. The maximum power demands of these ten (10) utilities vary from 1.2MW for Kosrae State utility to 280MW for the Guam utility.

A competitive salary will be negotiated based on qualifications and experience. Additionally offered are relocation assistance, medical insurance valid anyplace in the world, and a generous housing allowance.

The appointment will, be for a period of 2 years with a possible extension of another 2 years. It is to be noted that the PPA is an intergovernmental agency, and as a consequence the salary for a non-Fijian living in Fiji will be free of Fiji taxes. U.S. income tax rules apply and since the appointment period is for two years, income is presently free of U.S. income tax up to \$87,500 and for amounts greater than that the income tax liability is based on the gross income minus \$87,500.

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday, June 20, 2008.

Please send Cover Letter and Resume to Gordon Chang, Deputy Executive Director, PPA by email at [gordonc@ppa.org.fj](mailto:gordonc@ppa.org.fj), or fax to (679) 330 2038.

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