

Seattle Water Supply System

Operating Board Independent Member

THE CITY OF SEATTLE seeks a qualified person to serve as the seventh member of the Seattle Water Supply Operating Board. The Operating Board consist of seven members, composed of three members representing Seattle Public Utilities, three members representing Seattle's wholesale customers and an independent seventh member. Operating Board members, shall to the best of their ability, act in the best interests of the Seattle Water Supply System as a whole and shall not represent the interest of a group of utilities or an individual utility. The Operating Board works on policy and operational matters that affect the Seattle Regional Water Supply System.

The seventh independent member shall not vote on issues coming before the Operating Board unless there is a deadlock in the voting among the other six Operating Board members. The seventh member may nevertheless and is encouraged to express his/her opinion in Operating Board discussions.

Currently, twelve water supply customers (Cities, Water Districts, and Water & Sewer Districts) and the City of Seattle are under the Operating Board structure. Additional Seattle wholesale water supply customers will join the Operating Board structure in 2012. Information about the Operating Board is available at www.operatingboard.org.

DUTIES: Attendance and active participation in monthly meetings and casting the deciding vote if voting is tied between the other six members. The Operating Board meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Mercer Island City Hall. The term of the independent Operating Member is four years and will begin January 6, 2011.

QUALIFICATIONS: The successful candidate will have comprehensive experience in drinking water supply management; a good understanding of the challenges of operating a regional water supply system; extensive knowledge of water utility financing; familiarity with drinking water quality and regulations; and, an understanding of water supply, regulatory, and environmental issues facing the Central Puget Sound area.

The seventh member shall have no employment, financial or contractual relationship with Seattle Public Utilities or any wholesale customer and shall have no other actual or apparent conflict of interest in holding this position.

The seventh member must be confirmed by a majority vote of the other six Operating Board members.

COMPENSATION: A meeting stipend of \$140 is provided in addition to a mileage and per diem allowance.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Send resume and cover letter outlining qualifications to:

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Applications must be received by close of business September 15, 2010.