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Project Manager

Location: Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Description:

At Otter Tail Power Company, our employees support the communities we serve by producing reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible electricity. The Project Manager will:

- Manage and lead all aspects of projects ranging from 1-5 year timelines and \$5 million - \$100 million budgets including preparing estimates and budgetary forecasts, managing consultants and contractor and track costs and progress
- Identify and mitigate project risks
- Manage projects portfolio for successful completion and ensure preparedness for future projects
- Collaborate with the internal teams to ensure projects will achieve unimpeded and complete cost recovery

To be successful in this role, we're looking for candidates who possess the following skills and traits:

- There's a lot of innovation in our industry and we want positive, can-do people who are resilient through the challenges that sometimes come with change.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal relationship as you partner with various internal and external teams and stakeholders.
- Must be capable of managing multiple projects at one time and be able to apply OTP safety rules and understand risk mitigation
- Bachelor's degree in project management, engineering or equivalent work experience is required.
- A minimum of 2 years of project management experience or equivalent experience is required. Preference for experience leading a team.

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- Competitive wage & benefit package.
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If this sounds like a great fit for you, apply today. Don't wait too long though! To apply, visit our careers page at www.otpc.com. We'll accept applications through February 9, 2025. Selected candidates will be required to complete a pre-interview assessment.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or protected veteran status.




Manager, Renewable Operations

Fergus Falls, MN with regular travel once per week expected to the various sites

Description:

At Otter Tail Power, our employees help us to serve the communities we support by producing reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible electricity. In this role, the Manager, Renewable Generation will lead a team of Supervisors to ensure that OTP provides reliable power to customers.

Some examples of those activities will include:

- Manage the renewable generation portfolio including wind generation assets, purchased power agreements, solar farms and may include additional assets in the future.
- Contribute to meeting safety goals by ensuring safe working behaviors and environment
- Effectively manage budgets to meet expense and capital targets
- Create 5-year capital planning for renewable generation
- Develop careers of direct reports and ensure they are developing and supporting their direct reports' skills and career goals

Qualifications:

We're seeking candidates with a wide range of skills who are can effectively balance operational excellence with long term strategic planning. Some examples of what we're looking for include:

- A positive, can-do attitude with a continuous improvement mindset to support the various teams you'll work with.
- Efficient, accurate and detail-oriented with excellent organizational skills to manage multiple priorities simultaneously.
- Experience in and skilled at developing a team and employees' careers
- Demonstrated experience in contract management, budget management, project management and regulatory requirements is required.
- A four-year degree technical, engineering or management degree or equivalent experience is preferred.

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Dale Boese	247	242	705
Kimo KeKaha	260	-	698
Joe Dillard	257	-	669
Jacob Halvorson	-	-	666
Jerry Thunselle	247	-	662

Trivia

On average how many eggs does a chicken lay in one year?
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Permitting Specialist

Location: Fergus Falls, MN

Description:

At Otter Tail Power, our employees help us to serve the communities we support by producing reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible electricity. In this role, the Permitting Specialist will lead the permitting efforts for new transmission projects with federal, state and local agencies to allow for the construction of transmission projects needed to deliver reliable, cost-effective and environmentally responsible electricity to our customers and communities.

You could be a good fit for this role if you enjoy:

- Building key relationships with internal and external stakeholders in support of developing permit applications and obtaining permits.
- Engaging in public meetings as a project spokesperson.
- Managing several different disciplines (land rights, environmental, engineering, communications, legal) in support of developing permit applications and obtaining permits.
- Collaborating with the project manager to identify and estimate risks and mitigations of obtaining permits for new transmission projects.
- Drafting and reviewing permit applications.
- Researching the details of new transmission projects to understand what permits are required.
- Leading a continuous improvement strategy to apply lessons learned from past projects to improve permitting efforts for new projects.

Qualifications:

We're seeking candidates with a wide range of skills who enjoy collaborating with a variety of different stakeholders to achieve a common goal of minimizing impacts of siting new transmission projects while aligning with our values: Integrity, Safety, Community, Resourcefulness, Customer Service and People. Some qualifications of what we're looking for include:

- A positive, can-do attitude with a continuous improvement mindset to support the various projects and stakeholders you'll work with.
- A motivated, self-starter, capable of researching information to formulate strategies to challenges and risks.
- Leading and coordinating cross-functional teams to set priorities in a constantly changing environment.
- Efficient, accurate and detail-oriented with excellent organizational skills to manage multiple priorities simultaneously.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills to effectively collaborate with a variety of stakeholders.
- Valid driver's license to travel to meetings with the ability for periodic overnight stays.


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Transaction Accounting Assistant

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

At Otter Tail Power Company, our employees support the communities we serve by producing reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible electricity. Everyone has an important role in accomplishing these objectives! The Transaction Accounting Assistant helps support our core values and company mission by accurately processing payments and other financial transactions for the company.

What will be my duties and responsibilities in this job?

- Ensure accurate and timely payment processing
- Collaborate with transaction accounting team to complete daily tasks and processes
- Oversee the purchase card program
- Review expense reports and provide assistance and feedback to employees
- Assist with payroll as needed
- Ensure accurate and detailed reporting of cash management transactions

What are the requirements needed for this position?

- Associate's degree preferred – Accounting, Finance, Business
- Motivated team player that can work in a complex and fast-paced environment
- Ability to manage numerous deadlines and prioritize workload accordingly
- Self-starter, requiring little supervision
- Strong problem-solving and analytical skills, with attention to detail
- Strong Microsoft Office skills
- Superior communication, interpersonal and problem-solving skills
- This position is required to work in the Fergus Falls office.

What other skills/experience would be helpful to have?

- Prior experience in regulated utility industry operations
- Prior experience in banking, accounts payable or accounts receivable
- Passion for innovation, automation and technology
- Desire and interest in continually improving skills and processes

Don't meet every single requirement? Studies have shown that some candidates are less likely to apply to jobs unless they meet every single qualification. At OTP, we are dedicated to building a workplace that fosters diverse perspectives and skillsets, so if you're excited about this role but your past experience doesn't align perfectly with every qualification, we encourage you to apply anyways. You may be just the right candidate for this or other roles.

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- Competitive wage & benefit package.
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OBITUARIES

Robert J. Brown

Age: 88
 From: Deer Creek, MN
 Passed Away: Sun., Jan. 12
 Visitation: Wed., Jan. 15, 4-7pm at Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN, and one hour prior to the service at the church
 Prayer Service: Wed., Jan. 15, 6pm at Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN
 Funeral Service: Thurs., Jan. 16, 11am
 Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Creek, MN
 Burial to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Deer Creek, MN
 Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home
 Online condolences may be sent to www.karvonenfuneralhome.com



Clarence Davis

Age: 48
 From: Menahga, MN
 Passed Away: Mon., Jan. 6
 Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home
 Online condolences may be sent to www.karvonenfuneralhome.com

Patricia A. Waskosky

Age: 87
 From: Henning, MN
 Passed Away: Wed., Jan. 8
 Where: At her home
 Visitation: Thurs., Jan. 16, 4-7pm at Belmont-Karvonen Funeral Home, Henning, MN, and one hour prior to the service at the church
 Funeral Mass: Fri., Jan. 17, 11am
 Location: St. Edward's Catholic Church, Henning, MN
 Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home
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Douglas "Doug" Savela

Age: 68
 From: Sebeka, MN
 Passed Away: Tues., Jan. 14
 Visitation: Sat., Jan. 18, 10-11am at Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN
 Memorial Service: Sat., Jan. 18, 11am
 Location: Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN
 Burial will be held at a later date at Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN
 Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home
 Online condolences may be sent to www.karvonenfuneralhome.com



Michael Charles Athens

Michael Charles Athens died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest in Singapore on January 4, 2025. He was born to Tom and Jean (Wilkins) Athens on September 25, 1971 in Wheaton, Minnesota. He joined a trio of sisters Julie, Janet and Lynn. He graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1990, where he participated in football and hockey. Friends and family remember Michael for his dry, deep, sometimes cynical, yet articulate forms of communication. After high school, he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota. After college, he lived in the Twin Cities and began tutoring immigrant students. It was while working with one of these students, in particular, that Michael discovered his true life's calling in education. This path took him to Indonesia, where he met the light and love of his life, Jun Sidik. They married and soon established a family of three: Noah, Sarah, and Nico. Michael was a loving, devoted husband and father as well as a mentor to the students he considered lucky to teach. He was passionate about all Minnesota sports, considered peanut butter a complete meal, and loved a philosophical debate. He often performed random acts of kindness and small, meaningful gestures to make the world a better place. The family asks those who knew Michael to honor his memory by continuing these gestures. A private celebration of life was held on the beaches of the Pacific Ocean, a connection between his homes.

<https://giveahand.com/fundraiser/michael-athens-children>

In Loving Memory



Gary James Spies

February 21, 1942 - January 11, 2025



Gary Spies, 82, of Fergus Falls, died Saturday, January 11, 2025.

Gary James Spies was born February 21, 1942, to George Christian and Laura Judith (Berg) Spies in Fergus Falls. He attended Lincoln Elementary School and Fergus Falls High School, graduating in 1960. He was proud to have earned an Honorary Degree from Fergus Falls Community College (MN State Community and Technical College).

On August 20, 1960, Gary married his high school sweetheart, Sharon Ferguson at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Fergus Falls.

In the 1970's, Gary proudly took over the family business and became the owner of Service Food Market in Fergus Falls. He served as a board member of Ottertail Corporation (one of his greatest honors), Lake Region Healthcare, KLN, The Veden Charitable Trust, and many other organizations.

Throughout his life Gary enjoyed golfing, spending time with family, reading, hunting on his father's pass, Tuesday morning breakfasts with his friends, and watching movies with his wife "Stubby". He had many cherished moments at his family's cottage on Ottertail Lake and he and Sharon's cabin on East Battle Lake surrounded by family and friends. He believed that he was the most blessed man on earth.

Gary loved the town of Fergus Falls and all the people in it. He thought it was the best place in the world to live and visit. In his words it was "as good as it gets." He made it his life's work to help build a beautiful community for all its people to enjoy and thrive. He believed in sharing his love and compassion as well as spreading kindness and giving to those in need. He was a humble man who felt that the most success he had in life was the love for all those around him and felt blessed to have the opportunity to share his generosity.

He often said, "when God was shaking his sugar shaker over the world, the cover came off and fell on him."

His legacy will live on in each of the people he touched.

Preceding him in death were his parents, George and Laura Spies; sister, Mary Gail Coleman; an infant nephew, Brent Spies, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Sherman and Alice Ferguson.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sharon; his children, Shelly (Brian) Suckow, Lana (Tim) Johnson, and Amy King; grandchildren, Josh (Elizabeth) Suckow, Alison (Jared) Haecherl, Lydia (Kevin) Loranger, Claire (Darius) Suckow, Andrew (Therese) Johnson, Lauren (Will) Rader, Nicholas Johnson, Kayla (Cass) Vigen, Max King, and Sam King; brother, David (Janice) Spies; brother-in-law, John Coleman; sister-in-law, Jodie (Sid) Wells; nieces and nephews, Thomas (Melaine) Coleman, Sarah Coleman, Sean (Hira) Coleman, Rachel (Alec) Robertson, Matthew (Julia) Spies, Jonathan (Erin) Spies, Allie (Jordan) Shepard, Emily Wells, and Hannah (Billy) Lammers Olson, and many cousins, great-grandchildren, and great-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you do what Gary would wish. To donate to your charity of choice.

Mass of Christian Burial: 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 20, 2025, at First Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls with a visitation two-hours prior to the service.

Clergy: Father Joseph Korf, Father Lucho Palomino, Deacon Chuck Kampa and Deacon Dean Pawlowski

Interment: St. Otto's Cemetery, Fergus Falls, MN Arrangements provided by Olson Funeral and Cremation in Fergus Falls.

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Apple Dumplings

1 large tart apple
 1 can Pillsbury Crescent dough
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 2/3 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 3/4 cup 7-Up, about half a can

- Preheat your oven to 350. Grease an 8x8 inch baking dish with butter or non-stick spray.
- Peel and slice the apple into 8-10 wedges. Pat them dry with a paper towel.
- Open the can of crescent dough and separate into triangles. Wrap each apple wedge with a dough triangle and place them in the greased baking dish.
- Melt the butter in a small saucepan, then stir in the sugar and cinnamon. Whisk constantly until smooth, then remove from heat and stir in the vanilla extract.
- Pour the cinnamon-sugar mixture over the wrapped apple dumplings. Pour the 7-Up around the edges of the baking dish.
- Bake the dumplings for 40-45 minutes, or until golden brown and bubbly. The dough should puff up and the apples will become tender.
- Let the dumplings cool slightly before serving.



Pork Chops with Creamy Bacon Pan Sauce

2 pounds thick-cut boneless pork chops salt
 pepper
 6 strips of bacon
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
 4 ounce cream cheese, cubed, room temperature

- Season the pork chops on both sides with salt and pepper.
- In a large skillet over medium heat, cook the bacon until crisp. Remove the bacon from the pan, leaving the bacon grease in the pan. Cool and grumble the bacon.
- Cook the pork chops in the bacon grease over medium-high heat, being sure to get a good sear on each side. Cook the pork chops until they reach an internal temperature of about 145 degrees. Be cautious not to overcook. Keep in mind that the carryover heat will continue cooking them once removed from the pan. Remove pork chops and set aside.
- Reduce the heat to medium and add the garlic. Cook for about 1 minute or until fragrant, being cautious not to burn the garlic. Add the chicken broth and scrape the bottom of the skillet to loosen the browned bits.
- Bring the broth to a simmer and add the cream cheese. Use a whisk to mix well and cook until the cream cheese has melted and the sauce is smooth and thickened. Add additional salt and pepper to taste.
- Return the pork chops to the pan and coat them in the sauce. Add additional broth if the sauce gets too thick. Sprinkle the crumbled bacon over the top and serve.



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