Senior Visiting Scholar
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
Office of Enforcement
Division of Energy Market Oversight (DEMO)

FERC’s Division of Energy Market Oversight (DEMO), within the Office of Enforcement, seeks a Senior Visiting Scholar to conduct research and analysis applying current economic theory to identify market design inefficiencies and manipulation issues in the U.S. wholesale electricity or natural gas markets. Potential research topics include the identification of sellers exerting market power in wholesale electric markets, particularly traditional bilateral (non-RTO/ISO) markets, index formation issues in the natural gas markets, and manipulation of the physical markets to influence the financial markets.

The Senior Visiting Scholar will utilize his or her expertise to assist DEMO’s ongoing empirical market power analysis using a variety of data sources available to FERC staff, including Electronic Quarterly Reports (EQR), transmission availability and reservations, prices, IntercontinentalExchange and Nymex data, and others as appropriate to the research. The scholar will work with DEMO staff and engage actively with relevant collaborative research initiatives. Additionally, the Senior Visiting Scholar will have access to market data and market experts that could be research sources for academic papers.

Required Qualifications
• Minimal qualifications include a Ph.D. relevant to these areas of research and analysis
• A track record of relevant research in wholesale energy market design
• Understanding of economics of electric power or natural gas markets
• Experience applying economic theory to empirical data to interpret market outcomes
• Preference will be given to candidates with 10 or more years of experience in relevant research and analysis

Desired Qualifications
• Expertise in wholesale electric power markets, especially traditional bilateral markets
• Knowledge of or experience in electric transmission scheduling
• Understanding of FERC’s market-based rate program

Other information
• The optimal candidate is expected to work at FERC’s headquarters in Washington, DC
• Full or part-time
• Duration: one academic or calendar year
• Anticipated start date: Summer or Fall 2016
• Competitive compensation available