Legal and/or Economics Fellow Position

The Guarini Center for Environmental and Land Use Law seeks to hire a full-time Fellow in the field of law and/or economics to conduct policy-relevant research, writing and outreach related to innovation in electric utility regulation and finance.

The Fellow will work as a part of the Guarini Center’s Utility Industry of the Future Program. The Program aims to develop economic and regulatory frameworks that will stimulate the delivery of energy services in ways that are low-carbon, resilient, and give consumers the opportunity and incentive to play a role in managing those services.

There is now wide agreement that the traditional model of public utility regulation must be superseded by new approaches to promote innovation in energy services. A major objective of the Utility Industry of the Future Program is to stimulate thinking and proposals on the design of a new regulatory approach among state commissions. The initial focus will be on New York State, drawing on experience and developments elsewhere in the United States. Potential areas of research include the ways in which regulatory rate structures, electricity market rules, and alternative business and financing models could promote demand response, distributed generation, and electricity storage and other energy services while promoting a competitive, consumer-driven market for electric distribution services. Distributional issues, including the interests of low income consumers, must also be considered.

The Fellow will be expected to produce a series of written papers directed at both policy and academic audiences; to host workshops, talks and conferences; to engage energy policy leaders and constituencies in the New York region as well as others at the Guarini Center and elsewhere within NYU; and to generate and provide input to regulatory processes. In addition to excellent research and writing skills, the Fellow should possess an ability to think creatively, generate innovative policy ideas that map out practical ways for implementation, and work as part of a team in furthering the goals of the program.

Qualifications: Juris Doctor or advanced degree in economics or public policy with demonstrated experience working on energy related issues from a legal or economic perspective. The fellow will be appointed for the 2014-15 academic year beginning in September or sooner if available with a possibility of extension for one year. Salary is competitive and benefits are generous.

To Apply: Interested applicants should send: (1) cover letter; (2) resume; (3) writing sample; (4) names of three references to spiegeld@exchange.law.nyu.edu. Applications are due March 31st.