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PAUL HICKEN

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EMPLOYMENT

Utility Analyst II

June 2005

Division of Public Utilities

Salt Lake City, Utah

Review and analyze financial statements, tariffs, contracts, and applications of telecommunications companies in order to make recommendations to the Public Service Commission. Conduct audits of telecommunications companies in preparation for rate cases before the Commission.

Lead Auditor 1986 - 2005

Office of Legislative Auditor General

Salt Lake City, Utah

Conducted performance audits for efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies and governmental programs in order to report findings and make recommendations to the Legislature. Duties included review of statutes and agency policies; determination of condition and gathering of criteria from other states; examination of cause/effect relationships; and documentation of findings culminating with a written report and oral presentation to the Legislature.

Leasing Agent 1984 - 1986

Grubb & Ellis Company

Salt Lake City. Utah

Leased and sold industrial properties in the Salt Lake market. Duties included prospecting to potential buyers, sellers, and tenants of manufacturing and warehouse space. Required a knowledge of current market lease rates, appraising, pricing strategy, contracts, marketing and negotiating skills.

Assistant College Center Director

1981 - 1982

Utah Technical College

Salt Lake City, Utah

Performed administrative duties as needed and assisted with general supervision. Prepared daily cash register reports and bank deposits. In charge of scheduling and supervision of all activities of the College Center building during the evening hours.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration

June 1985

Utah State University

Logan, Utah

Associate of Applied Science

Business Management

June 1982

Utah Technical College

Salt Lake City, Utah

Bachelor of Arts

Psychology Sociology

June 1978 June 1977

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Certified Government Financial Manager, Assoc. of Government Accountants Executive Board, Foothill Baseball Association

Vice President, Alumni Association, Salt Lake Community College

Vice President, MBA Association, Utah State University

Executive Vice President, Student body Association, Utah Technical College

President, Student Senate, Utah Technical College