

I developed an interest for energy economics and policy through undergraduate coursework and past internship experiences. The opportunity to work at SEA seemed to be a perfect match for me as it combined both quantitative and qualitative tasks. I mainly worked on Eyes and Ears during my time as an intern at SEA. My work consisted of tracking legislative and regulatory developments in Rhode Island and Vermont.

My work on Eyes and Ears helped me build a comprehensive understanding of regional energy markets, state governments' renewable energy policies and the dynamics between regulation and legislation. I also worked on the Solar Market Study (SMS) which exposed me to quantitative modeling and improved my Excel skills. I learned a lot about the intricacies of solar markets and the SMART program (the solar incentive program in Massachusetts).

I was surprised to see how developed renewable energy markets and policies were in New England and New York. I felt lucky to be an intern at SEA when I saw how closely the company works with stakeholders to draft new policies, studies and analysis. The positive and helpful work environment at SEA helped me a lot during my first few weeks. SEA staff was more than happy to get me up to speed on issues I did not fully understand. The internal trainings held by SEA staff were also very beneficial. I appreciated my colleagues' willingness to share their knowledge to new members of the team.

After the end of my internship, I significantly expanded my qualitative and quantitative skills. Writing weekly articles for Eyes and Ears and the team's valuable feedback refined my writing skills. In addition, the different tasks I had to complete on Excel allowed me to discover new functions and problem solving methods.

SEA gladly took me in its team and I strongly recommend this internship to anyone **who wants to learn about renewable energy in a positive environment.**

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