

## HR 1696

### Energy Regulatory Public Protection Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** May 3, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law. (Aug 25, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/1696>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 25, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Energy

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Energy Regulatory Public Protection Act - Establishes within the Department of Justice (DOJ) an Office of Public Advocate to represent the interests of members of the general public affected by regulatory matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), other FERC-related matters before other federal regulatory agencies, or any court of competent jurisdiction.

Makes it the duty of the Office to: (1) receive and assess comments from all interested parties with respect to project applications before FERC; (2) submit such comments to FERC, together with findings and recommendations, regarding the outcome, terms, and conditions of an application for approval; (3) review and assess applicant compliance with FERC orders; (4) seek full compliance with an order through the FERC or a court if the applicant fails to comply and such noncompliance is harmful to the health, safety, and welfare of affected parties; and (5) undertake appeal of any FERC order it deems harmful to the health, safety, or welfare of affected parties.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **May 6, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **May 3, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.