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Public Engagement at FERC Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5348	Identical bill	May 26, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of May 26, 2016)

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This bill amends the Federal Power Act to revise and expand the Office of Public Participation in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and rename it as the Office of Public Participation and Consumer Advocacy.

The office may participate in FERC proceedings on rates, service, and infrastructure siting to represent the interests of the public and issue guidance for potential improvements to industry and FERC practices.

Additionally, the office must establish a Public and Consumer Advocacy Advisory Committee to review rates, services, and disputes and make recommendations to the office.

Actions Timeline

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