

HR 2656

Public Engagement at FERC Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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Public Engagement at FERC Act

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

- **May 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
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- **May 25, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.