



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6829

January Session, 2001

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS BY
THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES CONTROL AUTHORITY
AND THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-181 of the
2 general statutes, a member of the Public Utilities Control Authority or
3 the Office of Consumer Counsel may testify at a public hearing held by
4 a committee of the General Assembly, on issues of law and policy that
5 may be present in a pending contested case, if (1) the testimony is
6 necessary for the formulation of legislation that relates to the
7 operations of the Department of Public Utility Control or the Office of
8 Consumer Counsel, (2) the testimony is confined to general issues of
9 law and policy that avoid an inquiry into the facts of the contested
10 case, (3) the members of said committee (A) are not parties in any
11 contested cases that are relevant to the issues of law discussed, and (B)
12 do not have a direct or indirect financial interest in the outcome of the
13 contested case, and (4) the members of said committee do not attempt
14 to influence the outcome of the contested case during said public
15 hearing.

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