The Energy and Technology Committee

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House Bill 5783: AAC Electricity Market Incentive Rebates

Testimony of The Office of Consumer Counsel

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The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) supports a detailed and thorough review of the profit level and operating costs of the nuclear and coal generating plants located in the state of Connecticut in a contested proceeding before the Department of Public Utility Control as contained in **House Bill 5783: AAC Electricity Market Incentive Rebates**.

The OCC has been quite active in pursuing changes to ISO-NE market rules and has worked on behalf of Connecticut ratepayers before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission urging changes to Market One Rules. As a result, OCC supports the concept of adding sunlight to the operating results of the state's generating facilities fueled by uranium fuel or coal.

This proposal will provide some assurance to the Committee and Connecticut ratepayers that they are not being charged excessive rates for Connecticut based generation.