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Raised Bill No.5215, AAC Modifications to the Purchased Gas, Energy and Transmission Rate Adjustment Clauses
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The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) has carefully reviewed Raised Bill No. 5215, *An Act Concerning Modifications to the Purchased Gas, Energy and Transmission Rate Adjustment Clauses,* and supports the bill. The bill would allow the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to hold the purchased gas adjustment clause proceedings and the energy adjustment clause proceedings annually rather than semiannually. The rights of OCC would be protected, as OCC could request that such proceedings be held more frequently should the need arise. Thus, the bill appropriately balances the DPUC's desire to reduce its administrative burdens with OCC's responsibilities to protect ratepayers.