



## **OCC Releases Its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

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The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) has released its Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 [Annual Report](#) and it has been filed with Connecticut's State Library. The report highlights some achievements of the agency as well as accomplishments and activities of staff members and summaries of specific proceedings.

OCC continues its advocacy for Connecticut's ratepayers, a mission that began when the agency was established in 1975. In Fiscal Year 2017-2018, OCC was a party in over 500 dockets and was able to ultimately save Connecticut ratepayers over \$550 million dollars through several significant rate case settlements and other large cases like the CL&P storm cost recovery docket.

OCC was an active participant in the 2018 legislative session and worked to ensure ratepayers were well represented as the General Assembly considered many utility-related measures. Staff submitted testimony and testified in person on proposed bills in several areas. Concerning telecommunications, OCC advocated against a proposal for virtual deregulation of retail voice services and successfully fought to have language removed from a bill that would have put a tax on telecommunications customers.

Numerous proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) provided OCC the opportunity to continue its involvement in federal advocacy with such issues as the investment returns earned by the high-voltage transmission lines by utilities in New England.

In FY 2017-2018, OCC was a party in four Administrative Appeals to the Superior Court and one appeal to the CT Appellate Court. The Consumer Council and OCC staff continued service on a number of state, regional and federal boards and organizations. Consumer

Counsel Elin Katz is President of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) and continues to be a frequently-requested speaker across the country.

The hard work of OCC continues to prove valuable to utility consumers of Connecticut and the OCC team looks forward to remain a source of advocacy for ratepayers across the state.



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