

Agency Option Submission

Office of Consumer Counsel

Signed (Agency Head)	Title	Date
<i>Elin Katz</i>	Consumer Counsel	10/19/15

Fund	Agency Priority	Adjustment Title	2017 Cost Adjustments	2017 Revenue Adjustments
12006 - Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund				
	1		0	0
		Indirect Costs	0	0
		Personal Services	(89,687)	0
	2	Fringe Benefits	(77,192)	0
	Total		(167,079)	0
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12006 - Consumer Counsel/Public Utility Fund

Adjustment Type:

Reductions

Agency Title:

Personal Services

Agency Description:

OCC will face a vacancy due to an announced retirement of our Utilities Finance Specialist for December 1, 2016, the only OCC staffer in this position. Eliminating this position vacancy will severely impact the OCC's advocacy in utility rate case and financial proceedings before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. This is OCC's only in-house finance position. If OCC is unable to fill this vacancy, the office may be unable to meet its statutory obligation in representing Connecticut's utility ratepayers in PURA proceedings. In numerous PURA proceedings, this employee has been OCC's only in-house financial staffer assigned to utility rate cases, adjustment clause and infrastructure recovery mechanisms, gas system expansion and utility debt and equity issuances. OCC's ability to participate and possibly influence policy decisions is greatly diminished without this financial specialist position on staff. The potential impact on CT residents is tens of millions of dollars annually.

Agency Priority:

1

System ID:

4866

SID		Agency 2017
Financials		
10010 - Personal Services		(89,887)
Total Financials		(89,887)
Positions		
		(1)
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Adjustment Type:

Reductions

Agency Title:

Fringe Benefits

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Agency Priority:

2

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4867

SID		Agency 2017
Financials		
12244 - Fringe Benefits		(77,192)
Total Financials		(77,192)