

## **Mary J. Healey, Consumer Counsel**

Mary J. Healey was initially appointed Consumer Counsel for the State of Connecticut in 2001 and was also reappointed by Governor M. Jodi Rell and confirmed by the General Assembly to serve a second five year term from 2006 – 2011. Under her leadership, the Office of Consumer Counsel has continued its proactive role in representing the interests of utility ratepayers of Connecticut.

Healey, an attorney, brings to the office the unique experience and expertise of her positions as Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary at Yankee Gas Services Company, a Connecticut regulated utility company, where she was employed from 1989-2000.

During her first term, the OCC tackled a number of difficult and complex issues involving rate cases, transmission expansions and electric wholesale market rules and pricing, professionally and competently representing Connecticut ratepayers' interests in all these matters. In addition, OCC has been an active participant on behalf of utility consumers in many forums, providing information and testimony to help shape sound energy policies, both state and federal, including as a member of the New England Power Pool, the regional electric consortium that interacts with ISO-New England in setting reliability and wholesale electric pricing rates and policies.

Healey is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Boston College Law School. As the Consumer Counsel, she serves *ex officio* on the boards of a number of energy related state entities: the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, the Energy Conservation Management Board, the Low Income Energy Advisory Board, the Connecticut Economic Resource Center and the Clean Energy Fund Board (including the Executive Board and the Finance Committee).

Healey was elected in November of 2010 to serve a second term as President of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and a member of its Executive Committee.