

**The Energy And Technology Committee**

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**Raised Bill No. 7309: AN ACT CONCERNING PAY AS YOU SAVE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Testimony of**

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The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) supports in principle many of the concepts embodied in Raised Bill No. 7309. OCC notes that the Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB) has addressed some of these same issues, including zero load growth, in its Conservation and Load Management Portfolio Plan as filed with the Department of Public Utility Control as part of the pending docket reviewing the Conservation and Load Management Plan for 2007 and 2008.

More specifically, the ECMB provided two scenarios to the Department outlining goals and the funding necessary to meet those goals. These scenario plans, which can be found at <http://www.ctsavesenergy.com/ecmb/documents> demonstrate that the ECMB will need a significant increase in funding in order to meet the requirements of Raised Bill No. 7309. Without additional funding as outlined in the scenario plans, Raised Bill 7309 amounts to an unfunded mandate. Therefore, OCC respectfully refers the committee to the ECMB's analysis in this regard and requests that any additional requirements imposed upon the ECMB be supported by additional funding.