

CHAPTER 9

PUBLIC UTILITIES

HOUSE BILL 06-1002

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also SENATOR(S) Isgar, Bacon, Grossman, and Hagedorn.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MATTERS CONCERNING UTILITIES REGULATED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 40-6.5-108 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

40-6.5-108. Office of consumer counsel subject to termination. (1) Unless continued by the general assembly:

(b) ~~The office of consumer counsel and~~ The utility consumers' board shall terminate on July 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. Repeal. 40-6.5-108 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

40-6.5-108. Office of consumer counsel subject to termination. (1) Unless continued by the general assembly:

(b) ~~The office of consumer counsel and the utility consumers' board shall terminate on July 1, 2006.~~

SECTION 3. 40-6.5-108 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

40-6.5-108. Office of consumer counsel subject to termination. (1) Unless continued by the general assembly:

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(c) THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL SHALL TERMINATE ON JULY 1, 2015.

SECTION 4. Repeal. 24-34-104 (37) (j), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment. (37) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on July 1, 2006:

(j) ~~The office of consumer counsel, created in article 6.5 of title 40, C.R.S.~~

SECTION 5. 24-34-104 (46), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment. (46) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on July 1, 2015:

(g) THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL, CREATED IN ARTICLE 6.5 OF TITLE 40, C.R.S.

SECTION 6. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006; except that section 1 of this act shall take effect only if House Bill 06-1187 is not enacted or does not become law and section 2 of this act shall take effect only if House Bill 06-1187 is enacted and becomes law.

SECTION 7. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 13, 2006