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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 219

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 4 and 5, strike "authorize the issuance of" and substitute "<u>issue</u>"; and in line 5, after "circumstances;" insert "<u>authorizing the Commission to assess certain costs and fees against a certain party under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change;".</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 18, strike "pertinent" and substitute "RELEVANT"; in lines 19, 20, and 21, in each instance, strike the bracket; strike beginning with "CLAIM" in line 19 down through "PENDING" in line 20; in line 21, strike "AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA"; and strike line 23 in its entirety.

On page 2, in lines 1 and 2, strike "(2)" and "(3)", respectively, and substitute "(1)" and "(2)", respectively; in line 2, after "party" insert ", AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 9-719 OF THIS TITLE"; after line 2, insert:

- "(C) ON A REQUEST OF A PARTY TO A CLAIM ON WHICH ISSUES ARE CURRENTLY PENDING, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A SUBPOENA FOR RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION TO BE PRODUCED AT THE OFFICE OF THE REQUESTING PARTY AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARTIES TO THE CLAIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.
- (D) IF THE COMMISSION, AFTER AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING, DETERMINES THAT A SUBPOENA WAS REQUESTED IN BAD FAITH, THE COMMISSION MAY ASSESS AGAINST THE REQUESTING PARTY THE WHOLE COST OF THE PROCEEDING, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.";

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in line 3, strike "(c)" and substitute "(E)"; and in line 7, strike "October" and substitute "(E)".