

*Possible alternatives to the proposed site,*

*Any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources which would be involved at the proposed site should it be approved,*

*Where appropriate, a discussion of problems and objections that were raised by other State and Federal agencies and local entities,*

*A plan for monitoring environmental effects of the proposed action and provision for remedial actions should the monitoring reveal unanticipated environmental effects of significant adverse consequences.*

*The Secretary of Natural Resources shall state to the Public Service Commission which possible and proposed sites, based on preliminary Environmental Statement, justify a classification as unsuitable. Unless the electric company whose proposed site is involved offers to the Secretary of Natural Resources substantial evidence to the contrary, such site shall be deleted from the plan, provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall prevent the inclusion of such site in subsequent ten-year (10) plans.*

*(3) For proposed sites in the ten-year plan which from the preliminary Environmental Statements appear desirable or acceptable, the Secretary of Natural Resources with the advice ~~from~~ OF the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene will initiate detailed investigation of these sites. With respect to any site in the plan on which authorized construction has not commenced prior to July 1, ~~1972~~, 1974, at least two years before construction is estimated to begin and provided the incontrovertible PREPONDERANT weight of newly offered scientific evidence does not justify revised classification of the proposed site as unsuitable, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall publish a Detailed Environmental Statement on the site. The Statement shall consider and include information developed in the "program" outlined in Section 764.*

*(4) The Secretary of Natural Resources with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Secretary of State Planning shall publish on a biennial basis, commencing July 1, 1972, a Cumulative Environmental Impact Report on all electric power plants operating in the State of Maryland. The Report shall include a section which specifies the changes that can occur as additional electric power plants are constructed in accordance with the ten-year plan. Further the Report shall include recommendations to the Governor which delineate State environmental policy and objectives. The Secretary of State Planning shall include a section devoted exclusively to the question of growth and the specific growth-related factors which necessitate specific additional increments of electric energy by development of a site or sites in the 10-year plan. In preparing this section, he shall consider the projected estimates and recommendations of electric company representatives.*

#### *766. Power Plant Site Acquisition*

*(a) The expertise of the electric utilities in the basic requirements including environmental considerations of a site for power generation is a needed element in site selection. Therefore, for the purposes of insuring adequate power on reasonable schedules while also protecting the quality of the State's environment, site acquisition may occur as follows:*