

venience and necessity as required by Section 54A of this Article for construction to begin after July 1, 1974, shall file the application for the certificate with the Public Service Commission at least two (2) years prior to commencement of construction of an electric generating station and its associated overhead transmission lines designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts, or exercising the right of eminent domain in connection therewith; said two (2) year provision may be waived by the Commission for good cause shown; such application shall contain such information as the Commission shall request and the company shall also furnish the Commission such information as it may further request from time to time; upon receipt of such application and information, the Commission shall notify all interested persons including, but not limited to, the following Maryland agencies, namely, the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Transportation, Department of Economic and Community Development and Department of State Planning; after receipt of all information, and as the Commission deems necessary and after publication as the Commission deems proper, the Commission at the public hearing required by Section 54A shall insure presentation of the information and recommendations from said agencies, shall permit the official representative of said agencies to sit during hearing of all parties and, based on evidence relating to their areas of concern, shall allow said agencies fifteen (15) days, after conclusion of such hearing, to modify, affirm, or amend their initial recommendations; and within ninety (90) days after such hearing the Commission shall ~~deny the permit~~ GRANT OR DENY THE PERMIT or grant it subject to such conditions as it may find appropriate, and notify all interested parties; such decision shall be by a majority of the members of said Commission and in any instance requiring a conditional permit failure to reach majority agreement on the conditions to be attached shall result in a denial. The granting of such certificate shall also constitute authority to dredge and/or construct bulkheads in the waters or private wetlands of the State, as well as to appropriate or use such waters; in addition, such certificate shall also constitute registration and a permit, as required under Article 43, Section 706, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, for the air emissions, if any, resulting from the operation of the plant.

(b) In cooperation with the Secretary of Natural Resources as set forth in Section 765 of Article 66C, the Commission shall be responsible for assembling and evaluating annually the long-range plans of Maryland's public electric utilities regarding generating needs and means for meeting those needs. The Chairman of the Public Service Commission shall, on an annual basis, forward to the Secretary of Natural Resources a ten-year (10) plan listing possible and proposed sites, including associated transmission routes, for the construction of electric power plants within the State of Maryland. Sites which are identified as unsuitable by the Secretary of Natural Resources in accordance with the requirements of Section 765 of Article 66C shall be deleted from the plan, provided, however, nothing in this subsection shall prevent the inclusion of such site in subsequent ten-year (10) plans. The first ten-year (10) plan shall be submitted on or about January 1, 1972.

(c) The Public Service Commission shall take cognizance of the mandate by the General Assembly to impose the surcharge per kilo-