

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 IN THE TEN-YEAR PLAN. IN PREPARING THIS SECTION, HE SHALL CONSIDER THE PROJECTED ESTIMATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELECTRIC COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 768 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

3-305. POWER PLANT SITE ACQUISITION.

(A) THE EXPERTISE OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITIES IN THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS OF A SITE FOR POWER GENERATION ~~[[ARE NEEDED ELEMENTS]]~~ 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:

(1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE TO THE CONTRARY, ANY SITE EITHER ALREADY OWNED OR PURCHASED IN THE FUTURE BY ELECTRIC COMPANIES SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE INVENTORY OF POSSIBLE AND PROPOSED SITES.

(2) THE SECRETARY, UPON THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SHALL ACQUIRE IN THE NAME OF THE STATE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SITES TO SATISFY THE EXPECTED REQUIREMENTS AS SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PLANNING AS PROVIDED IN § 3-304 (4). SITE SELECTION SHALL BE BASED ON EXISTING RESEARCH FINDINGS THAT SHOW THE SITE IS DESIRABLE FOR POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION. ANY INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN THE SUITABILITY OF A SITE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE DATE THE SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. BY THE END OF THE TWO YEAR PERIOD, THE SECRETARY SHALL PURCHASE OR REMOVE FROM CONSIDERATION THE SITE AND MAKE PUBLIC HIS DECISION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as the first paragraph of Article 66C, section 769 (a) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.