

Article - Natural Resources

3-303.

(a) The Secretary in cooperation with the secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, AGRICULTURE, STATE PLANNING, and Economic and Community Development[,] and electric company representatives shall implement a continuing research program for electric power plant site evaluation and related environmental and land use considerations. The Secretary shall seek from additional sources recommendations for related research to be included in the program. The additional sources shall include[, but not be limited to] appropriate federal and state agencies, electric companies and technical, scientific or educational institutions or organizations. An initial program shall be documented on or about January 1, 1972. The Secretary shall institute effective procedures for coordinating environmental research assignments to prevent dissipation of money, time, and effort. To this end, the state's electric companies shall be reimbursed from the fund for environmental research specifically required to satisfy application and permit requirements for any federal, state, or local regulatory agencies, if the electric company has requested reimbursement in advance and furnishes an outline of the program and its estimated cost so that the Secretary can budget it in advance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 54B(a) of Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

54B.

(a) After July 1, 1972, an electric company, as defined in Article 78, § 2(f), in order to obtain the certificate of public convenience and necessity as required by § 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] TO IT. THIS two [(2)] year provision may be waived by the Commission for good cause shown[; such]. THE application shall contain such information as the Commission [shall request] REQUESTS and the company shall also furnish the Commission such information as it may further request from time to time[; upon]. ON receipt of [such] THE application and information, the Commission shall notify all interested persons including[, but not