

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) of this subtitle. Site selection shall be based on existing research findings that show the site is desirable for power plant construction. Following site acquisition, the Secretary[, with] AND the local governing bodies of the areas through which the potential generator lead routes pass[,] shall designate mutually[,] one or more desirable routes. After designation of a route, each county within which the route is located shall designate the proposed public utility corridor by enactment of an ordinance or by incorporation in its appropriate land use plan. Any investigation to ascertain the suitability of a site for the construction of an electric generating station shall be completed within [two] 2 years of the date the site has been identified. By the end of the [two-] 2 year period, the Secretary shall purchase or remove from consideration the site and make public his decision.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL NOT ACQUIRE ANY SITE UNTIL A REQUISITION FOR A SITE IS RECEIVED FROM AN ELECTRIC UTILITY. THE SITE SHALL BE PURCHASED BY THE ELECTRIC UTILITY WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER ACQUISITION BY THE SECRETARY. FOR AN ELECTRIC COMPANY WHOSE PEAK DEMAND WITHIN THE STATE IS LESS THAN 1000 MW UNTIL THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUESTS THE SECRETARY TO PURCHASE A SITE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 78, SECTION 54B(E).

(4) IF ANY PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY CONDEMNATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT REQUESTED BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-305 (D) WITHIN 15 YEARS OF THE DATE OF PURCHASE BY THE SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE THE ORIGINAL OWNER OR HIS HEIRS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE OFFER IS MADE, AT A PRICE NOT EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE STATE PLUS 6 PERCENT ANNUAL INTEREST. SUCH A SALE SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE FOR ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE 78A.

(e) IF THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE HAVE BEEN SATISFIED, [The] THE Secretary may acquire any site by agreement or condemnation under the condemnation law and pay for them from the fund. PRIOR TO SUCH ACQUISITION, THE SECRETARY SHALL HOLD ONE OR MORE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AND ONE PUBLIC HEARING IN THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT WHERE THE PROPOSED SITE OR SITES ARE LOCATED. The Secretary holds the property in the name of the state and may not permit its temporary use for any purpose which might logically be expected to impede its prompt availability for power plant siting as and when needed. Temporary uses which the Secretary may authorize may include but are not limited to public recreational facilities, including open space areas,