

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, 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] ON 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 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 2 years of the date the site has been identified. By the end of the 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 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] UNDER Article 78, § 54B(e) OF THE CODE.

(4) If any property acquired by condemnation under this subsection is not requested by an electric company [pursuant to § 3-305 (d)] UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION within 15 years of the date of purchase by the Secretary, the Secretary shall provide the original owner or [his] THE heirs OF THE ORIGINAL OWNER 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] THIS sale shall be deemed to be for adequate consideration for purposes of [§ 15 of] Article 78A, § 15 OF THE CODE.

3-605.

(a) If the State has qualified as an adjacent coastal state under the federal act, the Governor PRELIMINARILY shall [preliminarily] determine the State's decision on the pending application, and submit his recommendation to the legislature, under [§ 3-605 (d)] SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(b) The State's decision shall consist of one of the following: