

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 54A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume)

BY-adding-to

~~Article-78---Public-Service-Commission-Law~~
~~Section-54AB~~
~~Annotated-Code-of-Maryland~~
~~(1975-Replacement-Volume-and-1980-Supplement)~~

BY-adding-to

~~Article-43---Health~~
~~Section-689C~~
~~Annotated-Code-of-Maryland~~
~~(1980-Replacement-Volume-and-1980-Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

54A.

No electric company may begin the construction in Maryland of a generating station or any overhead transmission line designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts, or exercise the right of eminent domain in connection therewith, without having first obtained from the Commission a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of the station or line. Upon receipt of an application, the Commission shall notify all interested persons, this will include the Department of State Planning who will be responsible for forwarding the application to appropriate State agencies in units of local government for review, evaluation and comment as to the significance of the proposal to State, areawide and local plans or programs. The Commission shall hold a public hearing on each application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in the area in which any portion of the construction of a generating station or an overhead transmission line designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts is proposed to be located, together with the local governing bodies of each such area, unless any governing body wishes not to participate in the hearing. The Commission shall insure presentation and recommendations from interested State agencies and shall permit representatives of those agencies to sit during hearing of all parties. The Commission shall