

send to each public service company affected a statement setting forth the amount due and payable by, or the amount standing to the credit of, the public service company. Any amount owing by any public service company shall be paid not later than 30 days following the date the statement is received. Any amount standing to the credit of any public service company shall be refunded by the Commission or, at the option of the public service company, applied as a credit against any succeeding payment due. The total amount which may be charged to any public service company under authority of this section for any State fiscal year may not exceed 0.17 percent of the public service company's gross operating revenues derived from intrastate utility operations in the last preceding calendar year, or other twelve-month period as determined by the chairman for the operations of the Commission other than that of the office of people's counsel plus a maximum of ~~0.03~~ 0.08 percent of these revenues for the operations of the office of the people's counsel. PERCENTAGE OF THESE REVENUES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL OF 0.03 PERCENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983 AND OF 0.08 0.05 PERCENT FOR SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 1984. THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN REVENUES ALLOTTED TO THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL SHALL COME FROM MONEYS IN THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST PREVIOUSLY ALLOTTED TO THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, AND THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE MAY NOT RESULT IN AN INCREASED SURCHARGE NOR IN ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS.

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(c) The Secretary shall administer the Fund. The Fund is subject to the provisions for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning. The moneys in the Fund shall be used to carry out the provisions of this subtitle as provided for in the budget, except that 10 percent of all moneys accruing to the Fund after FROM July 1, 1978-- THROUGH JUNE 30, 1983 shall be used to supplement funds necessary to carry out the duties of the People's Counsel of the Public Service Commission. The People's Counsel shall submit an annual budget of necessary supplemental funds to the Department to be incorporated in the Department's budget. For the purposes of this subtitle, the Secretary may execute appropriate contracts with any State or federal agency, research organization, industry, or academic institution to conduct the necessary research, construct or acquire, or both, real property including physical predictive models, laboratories, buildings, land, and appurtenances, or support the technological development of extraordinary systems related to power plants designed to minimize environmental impact. He may utilize available expertise in any other State unit in the development, execution, and management of