

(3) the transaction may not allow new pledges or encumbrances of assets of Florida Power & Light Company or Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for the benefit of an associate company;

(4) the transaction may not allow new affiliate contracts between nonutility associate companies and Florida Power & Light Company or Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, other than goods and services subject to review under §§ 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act; and

(5) any savings realized as a result of the merger must be applied in part to the elimination of carrying charges and the delay of increases in residential electric rates in a plan for rate stabilization or minimization approved by the Public Service Commission in Case No. 9052.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective through June 30, 2007, and, at the end of June 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That each individual subject to the requirements of § 2-303 of the Public Utility Companies Article as a result of this Act shall comply with those requirements on or before December 31, 2006.

~~SECTION 3- 5.~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1717 – *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – On-Farm Home Processing Facility – License and Fee*.

This bill permits an on-farm food processing facility to obtain an on-farm home processing plant license for a specified fee.

Senate Bill 1049, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1717.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor