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(a) Subject to § 6-101 of this article, without prior authorization of the Commission, a public service company may not purchase, acquire, take, or hold any part of the capital stock of another public service company [incorporated] THAT OPERATES in Maryland.

(b) (1) This subsection applies to corporations [incorporated] THAT OPERATE in Maryland.

(2) Without prior authorization of the Commission, a public service company may not:

(i) assume or guarantee an obligation or liability with respect to stocks, bonds, securities, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness that is payable as a whole or in part to any person more than 12 months after the date of issuance; or

(ii) issue stocks, bonds, securities, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness payable as a whole or in part more than 12 months after the date of issuance.

(3) Stocks, bonds, securities, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness described under paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection shall be issued in accordance with §§ 6-102 and 6-103 of this article.

(4) THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER RECEIPT.

6-101.

(a) (1) This subsection applies only to [Maryland] corporations THAT OPERATE IN MARYLAND.

(2) A public service company shall obtain authorization from the Commission before the public service company:

(i) assumes or guarantees an obligation or liability with respect to stocks, bonds, securities, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness of any person that is payable wholly or partly more than 12 months after the date of the assumption or guarantee; [or]

(ii) issues stocks, bonds, securities, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness that is payable wholly or partly more than 12 months after the date issued; OR

(III) LENDS MONEY TO AN AFFILIATE, AS DEFINED IN § 7-501 OF THIS ARTICLE, AT RATES OR ON TERMS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE FAVORABLE TO THE AFFILIATE THAN THE RATES OR TERMS THAT ARE OTHERWISE COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE TO THE AFFILIATE.

(3) An issuance under paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection shall conform to §§ 6-102 and 6-103 of this subtitle.