

- (iii) the Chairman at the end of June 30, 2009;
- (iv) one commissioner at the end of June 30, 2010; and
- (v) one commissioner at the end of June 30, 2011.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 2-202 of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act, the People's Counsel serving as of June 30, 2006, shall continue in office to serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General until a successor is appointed and qualifies in accordance with § 2-202 of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act.

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a member of the Public Service Commission or a People's Counsel appointed under Section 12 or Section 13 of this Act need not be required to recuse himself or herself from any matter before the Commission under this Act on account of prior involvement in the matter in another capacity.

SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In order to protect the interests of the State and the citizens of Maryland and consistent with the intent of the General Assembly, in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Maryland Constitution, the Attorney General is hereby directed to intervene and participate in the Public Service Commission, Case No. 9054 and in any other hearings or other proceedings before the Public Service Commission or any other appropriate State or federal unit, or any case brought before any court of competent jurisdiction in the State or any federal court, regarding the merger of FPL Group, Inc., and Constellation Energy Group, Inc.

(b) The costs and expenses associated with the intervention and participation by the Attorney General in hearings and other proceedings regarding the merger of FPL Group, Inc., and Constellation Energy Group, Inc., not exceeding \$500,000, shall be borne by the public service companies that are subject to the Public Service Commission's jurisdiction in the same manner as the Commission's costs and expenses are assessed, collected, and disbursed under §§ 2-110 and 2-110.1 of the Public Utility Companies Article.

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from it remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as otherwise provided in this Act, all permits and licenses, applications for permits and licenses, tariffs, rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, proposed standards and guidelines, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants, applications for grants, contracts, properties, investigations, administrative and judicial proceedings, rights