

- (i) the number of residential utility turn-off notices issued in Maryland;
- (ii) the number of residential customer turn-offs in Maryland;
- (iii) the number of residential re-connections established in Maryland; and
- (iv) the gross amount of residential customer arrearages for each class of customers in Maryland; and
- (2) potential programs to mitigate the impact of these costs on low-income residential customers, including:
- (i) percentage of income plans; and
- (ii) tiered rate structure plans.

(b) On or before October 1 of 2006 through 2010, the Commission shall report the information obtained under subsection (a)(1) of this section to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article and shall publish the report for the benefit of the public.

(c) On or before December 31, 2006, the Public Service Commission shall submit to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee a report of its recommendations for the adoption and feasibility of any appropriate mitigation programs studied under subsection (a)(2) of this section and shall publish the report for the benefit of the public.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 2-102 of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act, except for subsection (d)(3), and notwithstanding the provision of § 2-103 of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act, except for subsection (b)(2):

(1) the term of office of the chairman and each commissioner of the Public Service Commission serving on the effective date of this Act shall terminate at the end of June 30, 2006;

(2) on or before July 1, 2006, the President of the Senate of Maryland and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall present:

(i) a list, containing at least three names, from which the Governor shall select a new Chairman of the Public Service Commission in accordance with this Act;

(ii) a second list, containing at least ten names, from which the Governor shall select four other new commissioners of the Public Service Commission in accordance with this Act;

(3) if the Governor fails to appoint five members to the Public Service Commission by July 15, 2006: