

(2) "Construction" does not include a change that is needed for the temporary use of a site or route for nonutility purposes or for use in securing geological data, including any boring that is necessary to ascertain foundation conditions.

(d) (1) The Commission shall PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND hold a public hearing on the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in each county and municipal corporation in which any portion of the construction of a generating station or of an overhead transmission line designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts is proposed to be located.

(2) The Commission shall hold the public hearing jointly with the governing body of the county or municipal corporation in which any portion of the construction of the generating station or overhead transmission line is proposed to be located, unless the governing body declines to participate in the hearing.

(3) Once in each of the [2] 4 successive weeks immediately before the hearing date, the Commission shall provide weekly notice of the public hearing AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipal corporation affected by the application.

(4) (i) The Commission shall ensure presentation and recommendations from each interested State unit, and shall allow representatives of each State unit to sit during hearing of all parties.

(ii) The Commission shall allow each State unit 15 days after the conclusion of the hearing to modify the State unit's initial recommendations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

CHAPTER 111

(Senate Bill 74)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - License Hearing Officer

FOR the purpose of authorizing the license hearing officer of the Public Service Commission to issue a proposed order; providing for the service and finality of the order; repealing certain provisions relating to recommendations on penalties and sanctions for taxicab and for-hire driving violations; repealing certain provisions relating to Commission actions on the recommendations; and generally relating to the authority of the Public Service Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 10-110

Annotated Code of Maryland