

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 51
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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51.

(a) A person may not furnish or put in use for revenue billing purposes any gas meter or any electric meter unless it has been authorized by the Commission. Every gas and electric company shall maintain in an appropriate place a suitable apparatus, approved, and stamped or marked by the Commission, for testing the accuracy of gas and electric meters furnished by it for use. On the written request of any consumer, his meter shall be tested thereby, in his presence if he desires.

(b) (1) The Public Service Commission may not authorize a gas company, an electric company, or a gas and electric company to service any new residential multiple occupancy building on which construction begins after July 1, 1978 or any new shopping center on which construction begins after July 1, 1985 unless the building or shopping center has individual metered service, OR SUBMETERING AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER § 54G OF THIS ARTICLE, for each occupancy unit or shopping center unit that is individually leased or owned. However, subject to rules and regulations established by the Commission, it may authorize service to the new shopping center or a new residential multiple occupancy building by a gas company, an electric company, or a gas and electric company for central heating and cooling systems, or any combination of them when such service has been shown to the satisfaction of the Commission to result in a substantial net saving of energy used by these systems over the energy saving that would result from individual metering, OR SUBMETERING AS PROVIDED UNDER § 54G OF THIS ARTICLE. The service restrictions of this subsection do not apply to central hot water.

(2) The application of the service restrictions of this subsection to new units constructed, managed, operated, developed, or subsidized by a local housing authority as established under Article 44A may be waived by the Commission upon the determination that the utility systems utilized in the building will result in a substantial net saving of energy used by these systems over the energy saving that would result from individual metering, OR SUBMETERING AS PROVIDED UNDER § 54G OF THIS ARTICLE.