Section 2(o) and (z)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 55A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

2.

(o) "Public service company" means a common carrier company, gas company, electric company, steam heating company, telephone company, telegraph company, [radio common carrier,] water company, sewage disposal company, and/or any combination thereof. Two public service companies shall be considered of the same class, where they are both common carrier companies or both gas companies, electric companies, gas and electric companies, steam heating companies, telephone companies, telegraph companies, water companies, OR sewage disposal companies [or radio common carriers].

(z) "Telephone company" includes any public service company which owns telephone lines for the reception, transmission or communication of messages by telephone or teletype, or which lets, licenses, or sells telephonic or teletype communication. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE A CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY.

[55A.

(a) No radio common carrier shall begin or continue the construction or operation of any radio common carrier system or any extension thereof, either directly or indirectly, without first obtaining from the Commission a certificate that the public convenience and necessity required such construction, operation or extension. However, this article shall not require nor shall it be so construed to require any carrier to secure a certificate for any of the following:

(1) An extension within any authorized service area within which the carrier has heretofore lawfully commenced operations, (2) any extension within or to territory already served by the carrier, necessary in the ordinary course of business, (3) substitute facilities within or to any authorized