

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

Article - Business Regulation

11-310.

(a) The Commission may delegate to a hearing committee of at least 3 of its members the power to hold adjudicatory proceedings under this title, including evidentiary hearings.

(b) (1) A unanimous decision by the hearing committee is binding and is a final decision of the Commission.

(2) If the decision of the hearing committee is not unanimous[:

(i) the hearing committee shall make its recommendation to the full Commission; and

(ii) after the full Commission considers the recommendation of the hearing committee, the full Commission shall make a final decision], A DE NOVO HEARING SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION.

[(c) Except as provided in this section, the Commission alone has the final nondelegable authority to act in any disciplinary action or other adjudicatory proceeding.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved April 26, 1993.

CHAPTER 103

(Senate Bill 165)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Fuel Adjustment Charges - Hearings

FOR the purpose of altering the frequency with which the Public Service Commission conducts public evidentiary hearings on fuel adjustment charges and purchased gas adjustments; and generally relating to the fuel adjustment charges of utilities under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 54D
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)