

[(gg)] (00) "Water plant" means the material, equipment, and property owned by a water company and used or to be used for or in connection with water service.

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(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY" INCLUDES AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(a)](B) (1) (i) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the costs and expenses of the Commission shall be borne by the public service companies that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

(ii) The costs and expenses shall be assessed as provided in this section.

(2) An appropriation for the costs and expenses of the Commission shall be included in the State budget and paid from the State treasury.

(3) The State treasury shall be reimbursed from the money collected under this section.

[(b)](C) (1) (i) Before each State fiscal year, the Chairman of the Commission shall estimate the Commission's total costs and expenses, including:

1. the compensation and expenses of the Commission, its officers, agents, and personnel;

2. the cost of retirement contributions, Social Security, health insurance, and other benefits required to be paid by the State for the personnel of the Commission;

3. all other maintenance and operation expenses; and

4. all other direct and indirect costs.

(ii) The estimate shall exclude the costs of maintaining testing equipment reimbursable under § 2-111(a) of this subtitle.

(2) Based on the estimate, the Chairman shall determine the amount to be paid by each public service company.

(3) The Commission shall send a bill to each public service company on or before May 1st of each year.

(4) The bill shall equal the product of:

(i) the estimated total costs and expenses of the Commission during the next fiscal year; multiplied by

(ii) the ratio of the gross operating revenues for the public service company derived from intrastate utility AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER operations in the preceding calendar year, or other 12-month period as the Chairman determines, to