

(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.

(e) The Commission shall take final action on an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity only after due consideration of:

(1) the recommendation of the governing body of each county or municipal corporation in which any portion of the construction of the generating station or overhead transmission line is proposed to be located; AND

(2) [the need to meet existing and future demand for electric service; and

(3)] the effect of the generating station or overhead transmission line on:

(i) the stability and reliability of the electric system;

(ii) economics;

(iii) esthetics;

(iv) historic sites;

(v) aviation safety as determined by the Maryland Aviation Administration and the administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration;

(vi) when applicable, air and water pollution; and

(vii) the availability of means for the required timely disposal of wastes produced by any generating station.

(f) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE, IN ADDITION TO THE CONSIDERATIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ONLY AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE NEED TO MEET EXISTING AND FUTURE DEMAND FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE.

(G) (1) The Commission may not authorize, and an electric company may not undertake, the construction of an overhead transmission line that is aligned with and within 1 mile of either end of a public airport runway, unless:

(i) the Federal Aviation Administration determines that the construction of an overhead transmission line will not constitute a hazard to air navigation; and

(ii) the Maryland Aviation Administration concurs in that determination.