

(ii) The chairman may include a site deleted from a 10-year plan under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph in a subsequent 10-year plan.

(3) The chairman shall include information in the annual 10-year plan on current and projected efforts by electric companies and the Commission to moderate overall electrical generation demand and peak demand through the electric companies' promotion of energy conservation by customers and through the electric companies' use of alternative energy sources, including cogeneration.

[(c)] (B) (1) The Commission shall evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the investments by electric companies in energy conservation to reduce electrical demand and in renewable energy sources to help meet electrical demand.

(2) The evaluation of investments shall include:

(i) the electric companies' promotion and conduct of a building audit and weatherization program, including low-interest or no-interest electric company financing for the installation of energy conservation materials and renewable energy devices;

(ii) utilization of renewable energy sources;

(iii) promotion and utilization of electricity from cogeneration and wastes; and

(iv) widespread public promotion of energy conservation programs.

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(a) (1) In this section and § 7-208 of this subtitle, "construction" means the clearing of land, excavation, or other action that affects the natural environment of a site or route of a bulk power supply facility.

(2) "Construction" does not include a change that is needed for the temporary use of a site or route for nonutility purposes or for use in securing geological data, including any boring that is necessary to ascertain foundation conditions.

(b) [An electric company may not begin construction in the State of a generating station or of an overhead transmission line that is designed to carry a voltage in excess of 69,000 volts, or exercise the right of condemnation in connection with the construction, unless a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction is first obtained from the Commission.]

(1) UNLESS A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION IS FIRST OBTAINED FROM THE COMMISSION, A PERSON MAY NOT BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IN THE STATE OF A GENERATING STATION.

(2) UNLESS A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION IS FIRST OBTAINED FROM THE COMMISSION, AND THE COMMISSION HAS FOUND THAT THE CAPACITY IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE, A PERSON MAY NOT EXERCISE A RIGHT OF CONDEMNATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GENERATING STATION.