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Article - Public Utility Companies

Section 1-101(x) through (gg), respectively

to be Section 1-101(w) through (ff), respectively

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

**Article - Public Utility Companies**

1-101.

(p) "Public service company" means a common carrier company, electric company, gas company, sewage disposal company, [steam heating company,] telegraph company, telephone company, water company, or any combination of public service companies.

[(w) "Steam heating company" means a public service company that manufactures, sells, or distributes steam for use, sale, or distribution.]

4-401.

As it considers necessary, and in accordance with the requirements of §§ 4-402 and 4-403 of this subtitle, the Commission may allow a gas company[, ] OR electric company[, or steam heating company] to establish a sliding scale to adjust costs of its fuel, purchased power, or purchased gas.

4-402.

(a) (1) This section applies to:

(i) the electric fuel rate adjustment clause of each electric company that is not subject to § 4-403 of this subtitle;

(ii) [the fuel rate adjustment clause of a steam heating company;

(iii)] purchased power adjustment clauses; and

[(iv)](III) purchased gas adjustment clauses.

(2) This section does not apply to a small rural electric cooperative.

(b) A [steam heating company,] gas company[, ] or electric company that directly passes on to its customers changes in fuel costs, costs of purchased power, or costs of purchased gas shall verify and justify the adjusted costs to the Commission each month.

6-202.

(b) Two public service companies are of the same class, if they are both: