SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 4 and 8 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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

Article Public Utility Companies

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- (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (B) (1) "ACCRECATOR" MEANS AN ENTITY OR INCLUDING A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR AN INDIVIDUAL THAT ACTS ON BEHALF OF A CUSTOMER TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY.
 - (2) "ACCRECATOR" DOES NOT INCLUDE:
- (<u>I)</u> AN ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL THAT PURCHASES ELECTRICITY FOR ITS OWN USE OR FOR THE USE OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATES; OR
- (II) A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVING ONLY IN ITS DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY.
- (C) "BROKER" MEANS AN ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL THAT ACTS AS AN AGENT OR INTERMEDIARY IN THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY BUT DOES NOT TAKE TITLE TO ELECTRICITY
 - (b) (D) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.
- {(e)} (E) (1) "Common carrier" means a person, public authority, or federal, State, district, or municipal transportation unit that is engaged in the public transportation of persons for hire, by land, water, air, or any combination of them.
 - (2) "Common carrier" includes:
 - (i) an airline company:
- (ii) a car company, motor vehicle company, automobile company, or motor bus company;
- (iii) a power boat company, vessel boat company, steamboat company, or ferry company;
- (iv) a railroad company, street railroad company, or sleeping car company;
 - (v) a taxicab company;
 - (vi) a toll bridge company; and
 - (vii) a transit company.
 - (3) "Common carrier" does not include:
 - (i) a county revenue authority;