

~~(1) THE NEED TO MEET EXISTING AND FUTURE DEMAND FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE; AND~~

~~(2) THE EFFECT OF THE OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE ON THE STABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM.~~

~~(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.~~

~~(2) A privately owned airport runway shall qualify as a public airport runway under this subsection only if the runway has been on file with the Federal Aviation Administration for at least 2 years as being open to the public without restriction.~~

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~~(a) Subject to review and approval by the Commission, each gas company and electric company shall develop and implement programs and services to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy by consumers, gas companies, and electric companies.~~

~~(b) The Commission shall:~~

~~(1) require each gas company and electric company to establish any program or service that the Commission deems appropriate and cost effective to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy; and~~

~~(2) adopt rate making policies that provide cost recovery and, in appropriate circumstances, reasonable financial incentives for gas companies and electric companies to establish programs and services that encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy.~~

~~(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2001, THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, SHALL REPORT, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:~~

~~(I) THE STATUS OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE EFFICIENT USE AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY; AND~~

~~(II) A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING LEVEL TO ADEQUATELY FUND THESE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.~~