

(B) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE A PERSON THAT IS EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION BEFORE THE PERSON MAY CONSTRUCT A GENERATING STATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

(I) BE MADE TO THE COMMISSION IN WRITING ON A FORM ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION;

(II) BE VERIFIED BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION; AND

(III) CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION REQUIRES, INCLUDING:

1. PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR; AND

2. A COPY OF AN INTERCONNECTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GENERATING STATION AND THE LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANY.

(C) WHEN REVIEWING AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL UNDER THIS SECTION THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) ENSURE THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM;

(2) REQUIRE THE PERSON CONSTRUCTING THE GENERATING STATION TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE FIRST EXPORT OF ELECTRICITY FROM A GENERATING STATION APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(3) CONDUCT ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

(D) THE COMMISSION MAY WAIVE AN ELEMENT OF THE APPROVAL PROCESS UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE WAIVER IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 300 – Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System – Benefits.

This pension bill increases the benefit formula of the “retirement tier” of the Law