

State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 28 – Public Service Commission – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

This bill replaces the term “electric company” with the term “person” in certain sections of the Public Utility Companies Article for consistency. The bill also makes conforming changes to provisions of the Environment Article relating to issuance of registrations and permits to construct facilities that may cause or control emissions into the air under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Environment.

Senate Bill 50, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 28.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### House Bill No. 28

AN ACT concerning

~~Electric Power Plants and Generating Stations – Approval Process –  
Modifications and Construction~~  
Public Service Commission – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

FOR the purpose of ~~expanding the application of the Public Service Commission approval process for proposed modifications to electric power plants and generating stations to all persons seeking a modification; expanding the application of the Public Service Commission approval process for construction of a generating station and associated transmission lines to all persons seeking to construct a generating station; making conforming changes to provisions on the consideration and issuance of registrations and permits to construct facilities that may cause or control emissions into the air under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Environment; and generally relating to the modification of electric power plants and the modification and construction of generating stations and associated transmission lines~~ requiring that any person who constructs a generating station and associated overhead transmission lines follow certain procedures to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission; requiring that any person who modifies a generating station obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission; clarifying that the grant of a certificate of public convenience and necessity constitutes registration and a permit to construct; clarifying that the Department of the Environment is prohibited from requiring a registration or permit for the construction of a generating station by any person required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity; clarifying