

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Moving Overhead Utility Lines Underground. The Task Force shall be composed of:

- (1) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (2) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, or the Chairman's designee;
- (5) the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the Director's designee;
- (6) the Special Secretary of the Office of Smart Growth, or the Special Secretary's designee; ~~and~~
- (7) the People's Counsel, or a designee of the People's Counsel; and
- (8) the following ~~12~~ members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) ~~two members representing the electricity transmission industry~~ three two members representing electric distribution companies that are engaged in electric distribution and transmission, each from a different geographic part of the State;

(ii) one member representing an electric company that is engaged solely in electric distribution;

~~(i)~~ (iii) two members representing the telephone industry;

~~(ii)~~ (iv) two members representing the cable television industry;

~~(iii)~~ (v) two members representing the natural gas distribution industry;

~~(iv)~~ (vi) two members representing the Maryland Municipal League; and

~~(v)~~ (vii) two members representing the Maryland Association of Counties; and

(viii) two members representing the Utility Contractors Association.

(b) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

(c) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(d) The Task Force shall: