

(4) A PREPARATION OF ANY RECORD IN APPEAL;

(5) A CERTIFICATION OF ANY DOCUMENT;

(6) AN APPLICATION OR PETITION TO INCREASE OR DECREASE RATES;

(7) AN ANNUAL REPORT;

(8) A COPY OF PAPERS, TESTIMONY, MICROFICHE, RECORDS, AND COMPUTER PRINTOUTS; AND

(9) ANY OTHER FILING OR SERVICE FOR WHICH THE COMMISSION REASONABLY DETERMINES THAT A FEE IS REQUIRED.

(C) (1) IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF A FEE TO BE CHARGED FOR A FILING OR OTHER SERVICE PERFORMED BY THE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER THE ESTIMATED EXPENSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FILING OR OTHER SERVICE.

(2) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL WAIVE A FEE CHARGED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A FILING BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR FOR A SERVICE PERFORMED BY THE COMMISSION FOR A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(II) THE COMMISSION MAY WAIVE A FEE CHARGED UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE WAIVER IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

(D) A DOCUMENT FOR WHICH A FILING FEE IS REQUIRED MAY BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION AT ANY TIME, BUT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED FILED UNTIL THE FILING FEE HAS BEEN PAID.

(E) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEPOSIT ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION FUND.

(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO SET REASONABLE AND NONDISCRIMINATORY FEES FOR FILING AND OTHER SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE COMMISSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3-113.

(a) A decision and order of the Commission in a contested proceeding shall:

(1) be based on consideration of the record;

(2) be in writing; and

(3) state the grounds for the conclusions of the Commission.

(b) An order of the Commission shall take effect within a reasonable time that the Commission prescribes, and shall continue in force according to the terms of the order unless vacated, suspended, modified, or superseded by further order of the Commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction.