

(iv) for energy extension service and low income home energy programs provided under 42 U.S.C. §§ 7001 through 7011 and 8621 through 8629;

(v) for other energy assistance or weatherization programs meeting the federal restitutive objectives governing the distribution of overcharge refunds to the states;

(vi) for any other program within the definition of "energy conservation programs" as provided by Pub. L. No. 97-377, 96 Stat. 1830, § 155 (1982) AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING THE STATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1990, PUB. LAW NO. 101-440;

(vii) for community energy loans provided under Article [83B, §§ 4-701 through 4-709] 41, §§ ~~10-701~~ 10-901 THROUGH ~~10-709~~ 10-909 of the Code; or

(viii) for any other purpose required as a condition of their acceptance.

(3) In addition to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, priority shall be given to the energy assistance and weatherization programs.

(4) Disbursements from the Fund to programs funded by the State or with federal funds administered by the State shall be used solely to supplement, and not to supplant, funds otherwise available for such programs under federal or State law.

#### Article - Natural Resources

3-302.

(b) (1) The Secretary, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, annually shall coordinate the preparation of a budget required to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. Upon approval of the budget by the General Assembly, the Public Service Commission shall establish the amount of the surcharge per kilowatt hour for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1972, and for each subsequent fiscal year.

(c) The Secretary shall administer the Fund. The Fund is subject to the provisions for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning. The moneys in the Fund shall be used to carry out the provisions of this subtitle as provided for in the budget, except that 10 percent of all moneys accruing to the Fund from July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1983 shall be used to supplement funds necessary to carry out the duties of the People's Counsel of the Public Service Commission. The People's Counsel shall submit an annual budget of necessary supplemental funds to the Department to be incorporated in the Department's budget. For the purposes of this subtitle, the Secretary, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, may execute appropriate contracts with any State or federal agency, research organization, industry, or academic institution to conduct the necessary research, construct or acquire, or both, real property including physical predictive models, laboratories, buildings, land, and appurtenances, or support the technological development of extraordinary systems