granting of the certificate shall also constitute authority to dredge and construct bulkheads in the waters or private wetlands of the State and to appropriate or use such waters. In addition, the certificate shall also constitute registration and a permit TO CONSTRUCT, as required under Title 2, Subtitle 4 of the Environment Article for the air emissions, if any, resulting from the operation of the plant.

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- (a) An electric company may not commence any modification to an electric generating station after January 1, 1980, without prior approval by the Public Service Commission in accordance with the provisions of §§ 54A and 54B of this article, except that:
- (1) Unless the Commission otherwise orders, the application shall be filed not less than 180 days prior to the date at which the modification is to commence, and the Commission shall render its decision not later than 150 days after the filing of the application.
- (2) The applicant shall provide all information relating to the modification, including detailed plans and specifications, and all information relating to the impact of the modification on air quality, to the Commission and to the Department of the Environment, not later than 180 days prior to the date on which any modification is to commence.

In this section, "modification" means any physical alteration or replacement of, or other change to, the facilities at an electric generating station, or the change in the fuel used by the station[,] OR A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF OPERATION OF THE STATION, which could result in any change of air emissions from the station or from any generating unit of the station. The term "modification" does not include routine maintenance or repairs of the facilities of an electric generating station or any change IN AIR EMISSIONS WHICH DOES NOT RESULT IN AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ON OR CAPACITY LOSS TO THE ELECTRIC FACILITY [which would result in ambient air quality levels less than or equal to those levels which were a basis for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity previously issued under § 54A of this article].

- (B) ANY HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODIFICATION OF A GENERATING STATION OR UNIT SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN § 54A OF THIS ARTICLE.
- {(b)} (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, modifications to electric generating stations involving the short term inability to obtain the type of fuel normally used by the station shall be subject to Title 2, Subtitle 5 of the Environment Article.

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THE INSTALLATION OF POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT OR A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF OPERATION AT AN ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION, WHICH IS UNDERTAKEN BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY IN ORDER