

**Public Service Commission – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs
and Services – ~~Prohibition of Surcharge Without Customer Consent~~
Notification and Report**

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving any program or service for the use and conservation of energy that requires or allows a gas company or an electric company to provide a product or service to a gas customer or an electric customer for which the customer would be charged a surcharge without a certain consent; requiring a gas company or an electric company under certain circumstances to separately state a certain surcharge and clearly describe the purpose of the surcharge on a customer's bill; requiring, under certain circumstances, a gas company or an electric company to refund the amount of the surcharge or credit the amount of the surcharge; requiring electric companies and gas companies to provide certain customers with notice of certain energy efficiency and conservation charges and benefits in a certain manner with a certain frequency; requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on the status of certain energy efficiency and conservation programs on certain dates; making a stylistic change; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to energy efficiency and conservation programs and services approved by the Public Service Commission.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utility Companies
Section 7-211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Utility Companies

7-211.

(a) Subject to review and approval by the Commission, each gas company and electric company shall develop and implement programs and services to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy by consumers, gas companies, and electric companies.

(b) The Commission shall:

(1) require each gas company and electric company to establish any program or service that the Commission deems appropriate and cost effective to encourage and promote the efficient use and conservation of energy;