

accordance with § 2-110 of the Public Utility Companies Article, the Public Service Commission may impose up to \$300,000 as a special assessment for the Commission and the Office of the People's Counsel to accomplish the requirements of this Act.

(b) Of the \$300,000 that may be collected under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(1) up to \$250,000 may be expended in accordance with an approved budget amendment for consultants, personnel, and related expenses of the Commission, as deemed necessary by the Commission to accomplish the requirements of this Act; and

(2) up to \$50,000 may be expended in accordance with an approved budget amendment for consultants, personnel, and related expenses of the Office of the People's Counsel, as deemed necessary by the Office of the People's Counsel to accomplish the requirements of this Act.

(c) The special assessment shall be imposed only on those electric companies otherwise subject to the assessment under § 2-110 of the Public Utility Companies Article.

(d) The bill sent to each electric company subject to the assessment shall equal the product of multiplying:

(1) the amount authorized to be collected under this subsection; and

(2) the ratio of gross operating revenues of the entity subject to the assessment to the total gross operating revenues for all entities subject to the assessment.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2012, the Maryland Energy Administration, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, shall:

(1) review the anticipated achievement of the goals specified under § 7-211(b)(2) of the Public Utility Companies Article as enacted by this Act for purposes of determining whether electricity consumption and peak demand reduction targets should be set beyond 2015; and

(2) after providing opportunity for public comment, report its findings, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.

SECTION ~~4~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2012, the Maryland Energy Administration, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, shall: