

(1975 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 51(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

51.

(b) The Public Service Commission may not authorize a gas company, an electric company, or a gas and electric company to service any new residential multiple occupancy building on which construction begins after July 1, 1978 OR ANY NEW OFFICE--BUILDING--OR SHOPPING CENTER ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AFTER JULY 1, 1982 1985 unless [that] THE building OR SHOPPING CENTER has [an individual meter] INDIVIDUAL METERED SERVICE for each occupancy unit OR ~~COMMERCIAL--RENTAL~~ SHOPPING CENTER UNIT that is individually leased or owned. HOWEVER, SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, IT MAY AUTHORIZE SERVICE TO THE NEW SHOPPING CENTER BY A GAS COMPANY, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY, OR A GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR CENTRAL HEATING, ~~COOLING-AND-HOT-WATER-SYSTEMS~~ HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THEM WHEN SUCH SERVICE HAS BEEN SHOWN TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COMMISSION TO RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL NET SAVING OF ENERGY USED BY THESE SYSTEMS OVER THE ENERGY SAVING THAT WOULD RESULT FROM INDIVIDUAL METERING. THE SERVICE RESTRICTIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO CENTRAL HOT WATER SYSTEMS.

(C) IN NO EVENT SHALL THE OWNER, OPERATOR, OR MANAGER OF A RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BUILDING OR SHOPPING SHOPPING CENTER IMPOSE ON ANY OCCUPANCY UNIT OR SHOPPING CENTER UNIT ANY UTILITY COST EXCEPT CHARGES AUTHORIZED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND ACTUALLY IMPOSED BY THE UTILITY UPON THE OWNER, OPERATOR, OR MANAGER.

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(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Public Service Commission shall promulgate rules, regulations, and standards under which any owner, operator, or manager of an apartment house, office building, or shopping center, which is not individually metered for electricity for each dwelling unit, commercial rental unit, or store may install submetering equipment for each individual unit for the purpose of fairly allocating the