

be borne by the public service companies that are subject to the Public Service Commission's jurisdiction in the same manner as the Commission's costs and expenses are assessed, collected, and disbursed under §§ 2-110 and 2-110.1 of the Public Utility Companies Article.

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from it remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as otherwise provided in this Act, all permits and licenses, applications for permits and licenses, tariffs, rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, proposed standards and guidelines, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants, applications for grants, contracts, properties, investigations, administrative and judicial proceedings, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities of the Public Service Commission and the Office of People's Counsel, respectively, shall continue in effect under the Commission and the Office, respectively, or the appropriate unit within the Commission or the Office, until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Pursuant to Article III, § 52(14) of the Maryland Constitution, in addition to the amounts provided under Chapter 216 of the Acts of 2006 (The Budget Bill), the following appropriations shall be made for fiscal year 2007 to implement the requirements of this Act:

- (1) Department of Assessments and Taxation
 - E50C00.01 Executive Direction..... \$250,000 General Funds
- (2) Public Service Commission
 - C90G00.01 General Administration and Hearings.. \$750,000 Special Funds
- (3) People's Counsel
 - C91H00.01 General Administration..... \$500,000 Special Funds
- (4) Attorney General
 - C81C00.01 Legal Counsel and Advice..... \$500,000 Special Funds
- (5) Department of Human Resources
 - N00C01.12 Office of Home Energy Programs..... \$9,000,000 Special Funds