

BY: Senator Frosh

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 10, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Finance Committee Amendments (HB0010/727854/2), in line 6 of Amendment No. 1, strike “relating to taxes”; and in line 7, after “enacted;” insert “requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt certain measures relating to energy conservation and environmental protection;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3 of the Finance Committee Amendments, in Amendment No. 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 10, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Notwithstanding the dates set forth in Section 2 of this Act or any other provision of law, customer retail access to competitive electric supplies may not commence until:

(1) legislation is enacted to restructure Maryland taxes to address the State and local tax implications of restructuring of the electric utility industry; and

(2) legislation is enacted to ensure that under a restructured retail electricity market all citizens of the State will have access to electric service and that electricity will remain available and affordable to low income customers.

(b) The legislation referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall include notification to the Public Service Commission that the legislation satisfies the provisions of subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section, as appropriate.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

(Over)

On page 3 of the Finance Committee Amendments, after line 10 of Amendment No. 2, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in implementing the restructuring of the electric utility industry of the State for competitive retail access to electricity, the Public Service Commission shall adopt appropriate measures:

(1) to maintain demand side management conservation incentives and programs and to adapt existing programs and develop new programs as appropriate to maintain demand side management energy conservation efforts under a competitive electricity market; and

(2) to maintain environmental safeguards and to adapt existing programs and develop new programs as appropriate to ensure that federal and State environmental protection standards are not compromised under a competitive electricity market.”;

in lines 11, 15, and 17, strike “4.”, “5.”, and “6.”, respectively, and substitute “5.”, “6.”, and “7.”, respectively; and in line 17, strike “5” and substitute “6”.