

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 333
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Commission” and substitute “Task Force”; in lines 3, 4, 5, and 6, in each instance, strike “Commission” and substitute “Task Force”; in line 4, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Task Force to assess certain matters in order to assist the Public Service Commission in a certain evaluation; requiring the Task Force to solicit input from and encourage participation of certain persons;”; strike beginning with “within” in line 5 down through “Act” in line 6 and substitute “by certain dates”; in line 6, after “Governor” insert “, the Commission,”; and in line 8, after “to” insert “the adequacy of electric generation and transmission supply in the State, and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 3, insert:

“WHEREAS, The Public Service Commission, the PJM Interconnection, and the Power Plant Research Program of the Department of Natural Resources have all identified significant constraints in the transmission systems serving Maryland and a widening gap between the projected demand for electricity in the State and the availability of transmission and generation facilities to meet that demand; and”;

and in line 9, after “energy;” insert “and

WHEREAS, A coordinated approach among all levels of government and the private sector is needed to address the needs of the region and the State for strategies to address availability, safety, and reliability issues of the electricity generation, transmission, and distribution systems and to employ in an effective manner alternative energy sources and energy conservation measures;”.

(Over)

On page 2 in lines 12 and 13, on page 3 in line 10, and on page 4 in lines 10, 11, 19, and 21, in each instance, strike “Commission” and substitute “Task Force”.

On page 3, in line 22, after “(4)” insert “in order to assist the Public Service Commission in its evaluation of current and future transmission and generation facilities under Section 7(a) of Chapter 5 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session:

(i) assess the availability of adequate transmission and generation facilities to serve the electrical load demands of all customers in the State;

(ii) identify pricing and physical constraints on the electrical transmission and distribution grids in the State; and

(iii) develop and assess options and policy recommendations to provide an adequate, safe, and reliable supply of electricity at reasonable cost to all customers in the State;

(5);

and in lines 24, 27, and 28, strike “(5)”, “(6)”, and “(7)”, respectively, and substitute “(6)”, “(7)”, and “(8)”, respectively.

On page 4, in lines 6, 10, and 12, strike “(8)”, “(9)”, and “(10)”, respectively, and substitute “(9)”, “(10)”, and “(11)”, respectively; after line 18, insert:

“(f) In studying the current and future availability of adequate transmission and generation facilities under subsection (e)(5) of this section, and other matters as appropriate, the Task Force shall solicit input from, shall encourage participation of, and may establish workgroups including representation from legislators, from federal, State, and local government agencies, and from private citizens and private-sector

interest groups that approach the Task Force or that the Task Force otherwise identifies.”;

in lines 19 and 21, strike “(f)” and “(g)”, respectively, and substitute “(g)” and “(h) (1)”, respectively; in line 21, strike “On” and substitute “Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, on”; in line 22, after “Governor” insert “, the Public Service Commission,”; after line 23, insert:

“(2) On or before March 1, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations under subsection (e)(5) of this section to the Governor, the Public Service Commission, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”;

and in line 25, strike “6” and substitute “7”.