

# SENATE BILL 951

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By: **Senators West, Lewis Young, and Watson**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Investor-Owned Electric Companies – Generating and Transmission Facilities –**  
3 **Authorization**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing investor-owned electric companies in the State to  
5 construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, their own generating facilities and  
6 construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, certain transmission facilities; repealing  
7 the authority of the Public Service Commission to allow an investor-owned electric  
8 company to construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, its own generating facilities or  
9 construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, certain transmission facilities under certain  
10 circumstances; and generally relating to investor-owned electric companies.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Public Utilities  
13 Section 7–510(c)(6)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Public Utilities**

19 7–510.

20 (c) (6) (I) **SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS**  
21 **TITLE, AN INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY:**

22 1. **CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, OR LEASE, AND OPERATE, ITS**  
23 **OWN GENERATING FACILITIES; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                                   **2.     CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, OR LEASE, AND OPERATE, ITS**  
2 **OWN TRANSMISSION FACILITIES NECESSARY TO INTERCONNECT THE GENERATING**  
3 **FACILITIES WITH THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM.**

4                                   **(II) [In] IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT IT IS**  
5 **NECESSARY IN** order to meet long-term, anticipated demand in the State for standard  
6 offer service and other electricity supply, the Commission may require [or allow], **SUBJECT**  
7 **TO APPROPRIATE COST RECOVERY**, an investor-owned electric company to:

8                                   **1.     construct, acquire, or lease, and operate, its own**  
9 **generating facilities[,]; and**

10                                   **2.     CONSTRUCT, ACQUIRE, OR LEASE, AND OPERATE, ITS**  
11 **OWN** transmission facilities necessary to interconnect the generating facilities with the  
12 electric [grid, subject to appropriate cost recovery] **SYSTEM.**

13                                   **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
14 **October 1, 2025.**