

metering to accrue electricity generation credit for a certain period; requiring the electric company to carry forward a negative kilowatts-per-hour reading for a certain period under certain circumstances; altering the definition of eligible customer-generator to include certain customers that lease and operate certain generating facilities; authorizing the Public Service Commission to require certain customer-generators whose facilities are sized to produce energy in excess of a certain annual energy consumption to install a certain dual meter; requiring the Commission to develop a certain credit formula for certain customer-generators whose facilities are sized to produce energy in excess of a certain annual energy consumption; and generally relating to net energy metering and solar, wind, and biomass electric generating facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 7-306

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

**Article – Public Utility Companies**

7-306.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Biomass” means “qualified biomass” as defined in § 7-701 of this title.

(3) “Eligible customer-generator” means a customer that owns and operates OR LEASES AND OPERATES a biomass, solar, or wind electric generating facility that:

(i) is located on the customer’s premises;

(ii) is interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric company’s transmission and distribution facilities; and

(iii) is intended primarily to offset all or part of the customer’s own electricity requirements.

(4) “Net energy metering” means measurement of the difference between the electricity that is supplied by an electric company and the electricity that is generated by an eligible customer-generator and fed back to the electric company over the eligible customer-generator’s billing period.

(b) The General Assembly finds and declares that a program to provide net energy metering for eligible customer-generators is a means to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate in-State economic growth, enhance continued diversification of the State’s energy resource mix, and reduce costs of interconnection and administration.