

2-202.

(a) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the [Governor] ATTORNEY GENERAL shall appoint the People's Counsel.

(b) (1) The TERM OF THE People's Counsel [serves at the pleasure of the Governor] IS 5 YEARS AND BEGINS ON JULY 1.

(2) AT THE END OF A TERM, THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(3) A PEOPLE'S COUNSEL WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(G) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY REMOVE THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN AFTER NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

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(c) (1) Beginning on the initial implementation date, an electric company's obligation to provide electricity supply and electricity supply service is stated by this subsection.

(2) Electricity supply purchased from a customer's electric company is known as standard offer service. A customer is considered to have chosen the standard offer service if the customer:

(i) is not allowed to choose an electricity supplier under the phase in of customer choice in subsection (a) of this section;

(ii) contracts for electricity with an electricity supplier and it is not delivered;

(iii) cannot arrange for electricity from an electricity supplier;

(iv) does not choose an electricity supplier;

(v) chooses the standard offer service; or

(vi) has been denied service or referred to the standard offer service by an electricity supplier in accordance with § 7-507(e)(6) of this subtitle.

(3) (I) [Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ANY obligation of an electric company to provide standard offer service shall cease on July 1, 2003[, except that:

(i) electric].

(II) 1. ELECTRIC cooperatives and municipal electric utilities may choose to continue providing standard offer service in their respective distribution territories[,] and may cease offering that service after notifying the Commission at least 12 months in advance[; and].

[(ii) 1. if the Commission finds that the electricity supply market