

(c) (1) On or before December 1 of each year, the Commission shall report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the ELECTRIC universal service program, including:

(i) subject to subsection [(d)] (E) of this section, a recommendation on the total amount of funds for the program for the following fiscal year based on:

1. the level of participation in and the amounts expended [from the universal service program] ON BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE RETIREMENT during the preceding fiscal year;

2. how BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE RETIREMENT payments [to customers] were calculated during the preceding fiscal year;

3. the projected needs [of the universal service program] FOR THE BILL ASSISTANCE AND THE ARREARAGE RETIREMENT COMPONENTS for the next fiscal year; and

4. the amount of any BILL ASSISTANCE OR ARREARAGE RETIREMENT surplus carried over in the ELECTRIC universal service program fund under subsection [(f)(5)(i)](F)(6)(I) of this section;

(ii) for bill assistance:

1. the total amount of need, as determined by the Commission, for electric customers with annual incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty level and the basis for this determination; and

2. the percentage of need, as determined by the Commission, but at a minimum of 50%, that should be funded through the ELECTRIC universal service program and the basis for this determination;

(iii) [for low-income weatherization, the amount of funds needed, as determined by the Commission, for measures that reduce consumption of energy by electric customers with annual incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty level and the basis for this determination;

(iv)] the amount of funds needed, as determined by the Commission, to retire arrearages for electric customers who have not previously received assistance in retiring arrearages under the ELECTRIC universal service program and the basis for this determination;

[(v)](IV) the amount of funds needed, as determined by the Commission, for bill assistance[, low-income weatherization,] and arrearage retirement, respectively, for customers for whom income limitations may be waived under subsection [(a)(6)] (A)(7) of this section, and the basis for each determination;

[(vi)] (V) the impact on customers' rates, including the allocation among customer classes, from collecting the total amount recommended by the Commission under item (i) of this paragraph; and