

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article 78 – Public Service Commission Law

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR" MEANS A CUSTOMER THAT:

(I) IS SERVED BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY AT A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WHICH IS:

1. A RESIDENCE OF THE CUSTOMER ON A RESIDENTIAL SERVICE TARIFF; OR

2. THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE OF THE CUSTOMER EITHER ON A RESIDENTIAL SERVICE TARIFF OR A GENERAL SERVICE TARIFF; AND

(II) OWNS AND OPERATES A SOLAR ELECTRICAL GENERATING FACILITY THAT:

1. HAS A CAPACITY OF NOT MORE THAN 80 KILOWATTS;

2. IS LOCATED ON THE CUSTOMER'S PREMISES;

3. IS INTERCONNECTED AND OPERATED IN PARALLEL WITH AN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES; AND

4. IS INTENDED PRIMARILY TO OFFSET ALL OR PART OF THE CUSTOMER'S OWN ELECTRICITY REQUIREMENTS.

(3) "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.

(C) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SERVING AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE METER INSTALLED FOR NET ENERGY METERING IS A ~~STANDARD SINGLE, NONDEMAND, NONTIME DIFFERENTIATED METER THAT~~