

SUBTITLE 5. ELECTRIC INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING.

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

7-501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "AFFILIATE" MEANS A PERSON THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OR THROUGH ONE OR MORE INTERMEDIARIES, CONTROLS, IS CONTROLLED BY, OR IS UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH, OR HAS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY ECONOMIC INTEREST IN ANOTHER PERSON.

(C) (1) "ASSIGNEE" MEANS A PERSON TO WHOM AN ELECTRIC COMPANY ASSIGNS OR TRANSFERS ALL OR A PORTION OF ITS INTEREST IN INTANGIBLE TRANSITION PROPERTY, OTHER THAN AS SECURITY.

(2) "ASSIGNEE" INCLUDES A PERSON TO WHOM ALL OR A PORTION OF THE INTEREST IS SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED OR TRANSFERRED.

(D) "COMPETITIVE TRANSITION CHARGE" MEANS A RATE, CHARGE, CREDIT, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MECHANISM AUTHORIZED TO BE IMPOSED FOR THE RECOVERY OF TRANSITION COSTS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER § 7-513 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(E) "CONSUMER" AND "CUSTOMER" EACH MEANS A RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMER

(F) "CUSTOMER CHOICE" MEANS THE RIGHT OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS TO UTILIZE AND INTERCONNECT WITH THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS AT RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE COMPARABLE TO THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S OWN USE OF THE SYSTEM TO DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICITY FROM A ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER TO A CUSTOMER UNDER WHICH A CUSTOMER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY FROM THE CUSTOMER'S CHOICE OF LICENSED ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS.

(G) "DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY" MEANS THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN WHICH AN ELECTRIC COMPANY WAS PROVIDING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION SERVICES TO CUSTOMERS ON JULY 1, 1999.

(H) "INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR" MEANS AN ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO CONTROL A REGIONAL TRANSMISSION GRID.

(I) "INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE" MEANS:

(1) JULY 1, 2000, FOR INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC COMPANIES;

(2) THE DATE OR DATES DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION FOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES; OR