

(I) IF THE SERVICE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY IS AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE, ITS EXPERIENCE, THROUGH JULY 1, 2003, WITH THE TRANSITION TO CUSTOMER CHOICE; OR

(II) IF THE SERVICE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE AS OF JULY 1, 2003, ITS PROPOSED INTENTION TO MAKE CUSTOMER CHOICE AVAILABLE IN THE FUTURE.

(4) IF A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVES CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE ITS DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY, ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS LICENSED UNDER § 7-507 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY SERVE THE CUSTOMERS IN THE DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY.

(B) FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN AND IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THE ACTION TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE COMMISSION MAY:

(1) ACCELERATE OR DELAY THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF JULY 1, 2000 BY UP TO 3 MONTHS; OR

(2) ACCELERATE ANY OF THE OTHER IMPLEMENTATION DATES AND PHASE-IN PERCENTAGES IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(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) ANY OBLIGATION OF AN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO PROVIDE STANDARD OFFER SERVICE SHALL CEASE ON JULY 1, 2003, EXCEPT THAT:

(I) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES MAY CHOOSE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING STANDARD OFFER SERVICE IN