

~~AND MUNICIPAL UTILITIES. UNLESS DELAYED BY THE COMMISSION, THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2002.~~

~~(6) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY PROCURE THE ELECTRICITY NEEDED TO MEET ITS STANDARD OFFER SERVICE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY OBLIGATION FROM ANY ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER, INCLUDING AN AFFILIATE OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY.~~

~~(6) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL CONTINUE TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY UNDER ANY CONTRACT IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1999 WITH A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FACILITY LOCATED IN THE STATE UNTIL THE LATER OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE CONTRACT OR THE EXPIRATION OR SATISFACTION OF BONDS EXISTING ON JANUARY 1, 1999 SUPPORTING THE FACILITY.~~

~~(D) (1) EACH MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY MAY FILE WITH THE COMMISSION A SEPARATE PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR PROVIDING CUSTOMER CHOICE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO ITS CUSTOMERS. THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE EACH MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY PLAN AND SCHEDULE AFTER CONSIDERING THE FEATURES THAT DISTINGUISH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY FROM OTHER ELECTRIC COMPANIES.~~

~~(2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES MAY ELECT TO INDEFINITELY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STANDARD OFFER SERVICE FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ONLY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION TERRITORIES, INSTEAD OF IMPLEMENTING CUSTOMER CHOICE.~~

~~(3) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE FUNCTIONAL, OPERATIONAL, STRUCTURAL, OR LEGAL SEPARATION OF A MUNICIPAL UTILITY'S REGULATED AND NONREGULATED OPERATIONS.~~

~~(D) (E) NOTWITHSTANDING THE DATES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW, CUSTOMER CHOICE MAY NOT COMMENCE UNTIL LEGISLATION IS ENACTED TO RESTRUCTURE MARYLAND TAXES TO ADDRESS THE STATE AND LOCAL TAX IMPLICATIONS OF RESTRUCTURING THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY.~~

~~(E) (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL, BY REGULATION OR ORDER, ADOPT PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE ALLOCATION OF ANY UNUSED OPPORTUNITY FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE AMONG CUSTOMER CLASSES.~~

~~(G) IF A MUNICIPAL UTILITY SERVES CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE ITS DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY, ANY ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER LICENSED UNDER § 7-507 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY SERVE THE CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPAL UTILITY.~~

~~(G) (H) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT ACT AS AN AGGREGATOR UNLESS THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT COMPETITION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.~~

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(A) EXCEPT FOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND MUNICIPAL UTILITIES: