

(3) ENSURE THAT ADOPTION OF ELECTRIC CUSTOMER CHOICE UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE DOES NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT THE CONTINUATION OF COST EFFECTIVE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2001, THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, SHALL REPORT, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

(I) THE STATUS OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE EFFICIENT USE AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY; AND

(II) A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING LEVEL TO ADEQUATELY FUND THESE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

(2) IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PROGRAM OR SERVICE ENCOURAGES AND PROMOTES THE EFFICIENT USE AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER FACTORS:

(I) THE IMPACT ON JOBS;

(II) THE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT;

(III) THE IMPACT ON RATES; AND

(IV) THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS.

SUBTITLE 5. ELECTRIC INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING.

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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(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.