

(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

(3) ANOTHER DATE OR DATES DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER § 7-510(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(J) "INTANGIBLE TRANSITION CHARGE" MEANS A NONBYPASSABLE RATE, CHARGE, OR SIMILAR APPROPRIATE MECHANISM FOR THE PROVISION, AVAILABILITY, OR TERMINATION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE, AUTHORIZED TO BE IMPOSED FOR THE RECOVERY OF QUALIFIED TRANSITION COSTS UNDER A QUALIFIED RATE ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

(K) "INTANGIBLE TRANSITION PROPERTY" MEANS THE RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST OF AN ELECTRIC COMPANY OR ASSIGNEE IN A QUALIFIED RATE ORDER, INCLUDING:

(1) ALL RIGHTS IN, TO, AND UNDER THE ORDER, INCLUDING RIGHTS TO REVENUES, COLLECTIONS, CLAIMS, PAYMENTS, MONEY, OR OTHER PROPERTY AND AMOUNTS ARISING FROM THE IMPOSITION OF INTANGIBLE TRANSITION CHARGES UNDER THE ORDER; AND

(2) IN THE HANDS OF AN ASSIGNEE:

(I) THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE THE ELECTRIC COMPANY TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICES, AND TO COLLECT AND REMIT THE INTANGIBLE TRANSITION CHARGES AUTHORIZED IN THE QUALIFIED RATE ORDER; BUT

(II) NOT THE RIGHT OR DUTY TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICES.