

(IV) ON JULY 1, 2002, ALL CUSTOMERS OF EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE; AND

(V) BY JULY 1, 2003, UNDER A SEPARATE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION, ALL CUSTOMERS OF EACH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE.

(2) (I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CUSTOMER CHOICE.

(II) A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO MAKE ITS SERVICE TERRITORY AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE UNLESS IT ELECTS TO DO SO.

(III) IF A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY ELECTS TO ALLOW CUSTOMER CHOICE, THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY SHALL FILE A PROPOSED PLAN AND SCHEDULE WITH THE COMMISSION.

(IV) 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.

(V) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE FUNCTIONAL, OPERATIONAL, STRUCTURAL, OR LEGAL SEPARATION OF THE REGULATED AND NONREGULATED OPERATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY.

(3) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2003, EACH MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY SHALL REPORT, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE IN ITS SERVICE TERRITORY, INCLUDING:

(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