

(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 THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION TERRITORIES, AND MAY CEASE OFFERING THAT SERVICE AFTER NOTIFYING THE COMMISSION AT LEAST 12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE; AND

(II) 1. IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY MARKET IS NOT COMPETITIVE OR THAT NO ACCEPTABLE COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO SUPPLY ELECTRICITY TO THOSE CUSTOMERS DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL EXTEND THE OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE STANDARD OFFER SERVICE TO RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS AT A MARKET PRICE THAT PERMITS RECOVERY OF THE VERIFIABLE, PRUDENTLY INCURRED COSTS TO PROCURE OR PRODUCE THE ELECTRICITY PLUS A REASONABLE RETURN.

2. THE COMMISSION SHALL REEXAMINE THE FINDING MADE UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH AT LEAST ANNUALLY.

(4) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2001, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS OR ISSUE ORDERS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS, INCLUDING AN AFFILIATE OF AN ELECTRIC COMPANY, TO PROVIDE STANDARD OFFER SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS