

OF ELECTRIC COMPANIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EXCEPT FOR CUSTOMERS OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES, UNLESS DELAYED BY THE COMMISSION, THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2003.

(5) 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.

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

(E) 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.

(F) 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 ELECTRIC UTILITIES:

(1) COMPETITIVE BILLING SHALL BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2000;

(2) COMPETITIVE METERING FOR LARGE CUSTOMERS SHALL BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2002; AND

(3) COMPETITIVE METERING FOR ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS SHALL BEGIN ON APRIL 1, 2002, OR EARLIER IF REQUESTED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS OR ISSUE ORDERS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) A PERSON OTHER THAN AN ELECTRIC COMPANY OR A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF COMPETITIVE BILLING SERVICES IN A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT ASSESSES A LOCAL ENERGY TAX, UNLESS THE PERSON HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THAT JURISDICTION.

(2) AN APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL COMPETITIVE BILLING SERVICES LICENSE SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

(3) (1) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY REQUIRE AN APPLICANT OR LICENSEE TO: