

(3) (I) 1. THE COMPTROLLER SHALL COLLECT THE REVENUE COLLECTED BY ELECTRIC COMPANIES UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND PLACE THE REVENUE INTO THE FUND.

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE FUNDS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

(II) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(III) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO ASSIST ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, WITH OVERSIGHT BY THE COMMISSION, SHALL DISBURSE THE FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(5) IN ANY YEAR WHEN THERE ARE UNEXPENDED FUNDS, THOSE FUNDS SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE CUSTOMER CLASSES PROPORTIONATE TO HOW THE CUSTOMER CLASSES PAID INTO THE FUND.

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(A) (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL BE PROVIDED A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER ALL OF ITS PRUDENTLY INCURRED AND VERIFIABLE NET TRANSITION COSTS, SUBJECT TO FULL MITIGATION, FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION'S DETERMINATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) A COMPETITIVE TRANSITION CHARGE, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MECHANISM THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES, MAY BE INCLUDED FOR CUSTOMERS WHO ACCESS THE TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY IN WHOSE DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY THE CUSTOMER IS LOCATED. THE COSTS AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION TO BE RECOVERED SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO CUSTOMER CLASSES IN A MANNER THAT, AS NEARLY AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE, DOES NOT EXCEED THE COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICE TO THOSE CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS, AVOIDING WHERE REASONABLY POSSIBLE ANY INTERCLASS OR INTRAClass CROSS SUBSIDY.

(3) (I) THE COMPETITIVE TRANSITION CHARGE MAY BE INCLUDED ON BILLS TO CUSTOMERS FOR A PERIOD DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

(II) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH RECOVERY PERIODS OF DIFFERENT LENGTHS FOR EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY AND FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF TRANSITION COSTS.

(4) A COMPETITIVE TRANSITION CHARGE, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MECHANISM DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, MAY NOT APPLY TO ANY ON-SITE GENERATED ELECTRICITY TO THE EXTENT OF: