

(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL COOPERATE WITH AND SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE ANTITRUST DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(E) THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION SUPPLEMENT ANY OTHER RIGHTS OR REMEDIES THAT MAY EXIST UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR COMMON LAW.

7-515.

AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER THAT ALSO PROVIDES DISTRIBUTION SERVICE, OR THAT HAS AN AFFILIATE THAT PROVIDES DISTRIBUTION SERVICE, IN PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, WEST VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA, OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAY NOT PROVIDE RETAIL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICE, DIRECTLY, INDIRECTLY, OR THROUGH AN AGGREGATOR, MARKETER, OR BROKER, IN THE DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY OF AN UNAFFILIATED ELECTRIC COMPANY UNLESS THERE IS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPETITION IN AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AREA OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER OR AFFILIATE.

7-516.

(A) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL CONTINUE TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY UNDER ANY CONTRACT IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1999, WITH A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE FACILITY LOCATED IN THE STATE UNTIL THE LATER OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE CONTRACT OR THE EXPIRATION OR SATISFACTION OF BONDS EXISTING ON JANUARY 1, 1999, SUPPORTING THE FACILITY.

(B) AN INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AT LEAST THE SAME PERCENTAGE OF ELECTRICITY FROM AVAILABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, AT A REASONABLY COMPARABLE COST, AS THE ELECTRIC COMPANY PROVIDED IN 1998.

(C) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2000, THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING A RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD, INCLUDING THE FEASIBILITY AND STRUCTURE OF A TWO-TIERED STANDARD, AND THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND BENEFITS OF ESTABLISHING THIS REQUIREMENT.

(D) (1) (I) IN RECOGNITION OF THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF RESTRUCTURING THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF ELECTRIC RESTRUCTURING ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

(II) ELECTRIC COMPANIES IN MARYLAND SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY THAT TRACKS SHIFTS IN GENERATION AND EMISSIONS AS A RESULT OF RESTRUCTURING THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY.

(III) THE STUDY SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COMMISSION ONE YEAR AFTER THE INITIAL DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CUSTOMER CHOICE.