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~~(A) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE PHASED IMPLEMENTATION OF CUSTOMER CHOICE SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~(I) ON JULY 1, 2000, ONE THIRD OF THE RETAIL PEAK LOAD OF EACH CUSTOMER CLASS IN THE STATE OF EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE;~~

~~(II) ON JULY 1, 2001, TWO THIRDS OF THE RETAIL PEAK LOAD OF EACH CUSTOMER CLASS IN THE STATE OF EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CUSTOMER CHOICE;~~

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

~~(IV) 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 DEVELOP 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 AS REQUIRING 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~~