

~~(C) (1) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL BE PROVIDED A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER FULLY ALL COSTS OF THE FOLLOWING THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INCURRED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY UNDER PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS OR OTHER PLANS ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION:~~

~~(I) DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND PLANS;~~

~~(II) UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAMS AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS; AND~~

~~(III) CONSUMER EDUCATION PROGRAMS UNDER § 7-505(B)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(2) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COSTS SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE FUNDED IN THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S DISTRIBUTION TERRITORY BY A SURCHARGE OR OTHER COST RECOVERY MECHANISM COLLECTED ON A STATEWIDE BASIS THAT:~~

~~(I) 1. FULLY RECOVERS FROM CUSTOMERS IN THE TERRITORY THE COSTS OF THE PLANS AND PROGRAMS IN THE TERRITORY; AND~~

~~(II) 2. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THESE COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN RATES ON JANUARY 1, 2000, IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE RATE FREEZE OR CAP.~~

~~(II) THE RECOVERY BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY OF COSTS FOR A UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO ANY APPLICABLE CAP REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN RATES.~~

~~(3) DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2000, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT, UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, RECOVER COSTS OF A CONSUMER EDUCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDER.~~

~~7-512.1.~~

~~(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM TO ASSIST ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS WITH ANNUAL INCOMES AT OR BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSION, WITH INPUT FROM A PANEL OR ROUNDTABLE OF INTERESTED PARTIES, SHALL CONTRACT WITH A FOR PROFIT OR NONPROFIT MARYLAND CORPORATION EXISTING AS OF JULY 1, 1999 TO ADMINISTER THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM.~~

~~(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM.~~

~~(4) THE COMPONENTS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:~~