(I) BILL ASSISTANCE, AT A MINIMUM OF 50% OF THE DETERMINED NEED;

(II) LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION; AND

(III) THE RETIREMENT OF ARREARAGES THAT WERE INCURRED PRIOR TO THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE.

(B) (1) ALL CUSTOMERS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUNDING OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM THROUGH A CHARGE COLLECTED BY EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY.

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION FOR COLLECTING THE CHARGES AMONG ALL CUSTOMER CLASSES.

(3) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL RECOVER UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM COSTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-512 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1999, AND ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION, A RECOMMENDATION ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR;

(2) FOR BILL ASSISTANCE:

(I) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF NEED, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, FOR ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS WITH ANNUAL INCOMES AT OR BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND THE BASIS FOR THIS DETERMINATION; AND

(II) THE PERCENTAGE OF NEED, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, BUT AT A MINIMUM OF 50%, THAT SHOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM AND THE BASIS OF THIS DETERMINATION;

(3) FOR LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION, THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS NEEDED, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, FOR MEASURES THAT REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY BY ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS WITH ANNUAL INCOMES AT OR BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND THE BASIS FOR THIS DETERMINATION;

(4) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS NEEDED, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, TO RETIRE ARREARAGES THAT WERE INCURRED PRIOR TO THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE BY ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS WITH ANNUAL INCOMES AT OR BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND THE BASIS FOR THIS DETERMINATION;

(5) THE IMPACT ON CUSTOMERS' RATES, INCLUDING THE ALLOCATION AMONG CUSTOMER CLASSES, FROM COLLECTING THE TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND