

(1) protect consumers, electric companies, and electricity suppliers from anticompetitive and abusive practices;

(2) require each electricity supplier to provide, in addition to the requirements under § 7-505(b)(5) of this subtitle, adequate and accurate customer information to enable customers to make informed choices regarding the purchase of any electricity services offered by the electricity supplier;

(3) establish reasonable restrictions on telemarketing;

(4) establish procedures for contracting with customers;

(5) establish requirements and limitations relating to deposits, billing, collections, and contract cancellations;

(6) establish provisions providing for the referral of a delinquent account by an electricity supplier to the standard offer service under § 7-510(c) of this subtitle; and

(7) establish procedures for dispute resolution.

(h) (1) An electricity supplier may not discriminate against any customer based wholly or partly on race, color, creed, national origin, or sex of an applicant for service or for any arbitrary, capricious, or unfairly discriminatory reason.

(2) An electricity supplier may not refuse to provide service to a customer except by the application of standards that are reasonably related to the electricity supplier's economic and business purposes.

(i) An electricity supplier shall be subject to all applicable federal and State environmental laws and regulations.

(k) (1) The Commission may revoke or suspend the license of an electricity supplier, impose a civil penalty or other remedy, order a refund or credit to a customer, or impose a moratorium on adding or soliciting additional customers by the electricity supplier, for just cause on the Commission's own investigation or on complaint of the Office of People's Counsel, the Attorney General, or an affected party.

(2) A civil penalty may be imposed in addition to the Commission's decision to revoke, suspend, or impose a moratorium.

(3) Just cause includes:

(i) intentionally providing false information to the Commission;

(ii) switching, or causing to be switched, the electricity supply for a customer without first obtaining the customer's permission;

(iii) failing to provide electricity for its customers;

(iv) committing fraud or engaging in deceptive practices;

(v) failing to maintain financial integrity;