

(ii) The Chairman may include a site deleted from a 10-year plan under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph in a subsequent 10-year plan.

(3) The Chairman shall include information in the annual 10-year plan on current and projected efforts by electric companies and the Commission to moderate overall electrical generation demand and peak demand through the electric companies' promotion of energy conservation by customers and through the electric companies' use of alternative energy sources, including cogeneration.

(4) TO THE EXTENT THAT THE COMMISSION REQUIRES AN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO REPORT THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE DESCRIBED IN § 7-502(A) OF THIS TITLE MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT BY SUBMITTING TO THE COMMISSION A COPY OF ~~A REPORT THE POWER REQUIREMENT STUDY THAT THE SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SUBMITS TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION THAT INCLUDES THE REQUIRED INFORMATION~~ RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE.

(b) (1) The Commission shall evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the investments by electric companies in energy conservation to reduce electrical demand and in renewable energy sources to help meet electrical demand.

(2) The evaluation of investments shall include:

(i) the electric companies' promotion and conduct of a building audit and weatherization program, including low-interest or no-interest electric company financing for the installation of energy conservation materials and renewable energy devices;

(ii) utilization of renewable energy sources;

(iii) promotion and utilization of electricity from cogeneration and wastes; and

(iv) widespread public promotion of energy conservation programs.

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(a) (1) The Commission shall:

(i) impose an environmental surcharge per kilowatt hour of electricity distributed to retail electric customers within the State; and

(ii) authorize each electric company to add the full amount of the surcharge to its customers' bills.

(2) To the extent that an electric company fails to collect the surcharge from its customers, the amount uncollected shall be deemed a cost of power distribution and allowed and computed as such together with other allowable expenses for purposes of rate-making.