

(3) A SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE DESCRIBED IN § 7-502(A) OF THIS TITLE MAY SATISFY THIS SECTION BY DEMONSTRATING THAT THE ELECTRIC METERS WHICH IT FURNISHES TO CUSTOMERS COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE UTILITY REGULATORY BODY OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE COOPERATIVE HAS ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

(c) (1) This subsection applies to:

(i) a new residential multiple occupancy building;

(ii) a new shopping center; or

(iii) a new housing unit that is constructed, managed, operated, developed, or subsidized by a local housing authority established under Article 44A of the Code.

(2) The service restrictions imposed under this subsection do not apply to central hot water.

(3) The Commission may not authorize a gas company or electric company to service an occupancy unit or shopping center unit subject to this subsection unless the building or shopping center has individual metered service or submetering as provided under § 7-303 or § 7-304 of this subtitle for each individually leased or owned occupancy unit or shopping center unit.

(4) In accordance with its regulations, the Commission may authorize a gas company or electric company to provide service for central heating or cooling systems, or a combination of those systems, to an occupancy unit or shopping center unit subject to this subsection if the Commission is satisfied that the service will result in a substantial net saving of energy over the energy saving that would result from individual metering or submetering as provided under § 7-303 or § 7-304 of this subtitle.

(d) The owner, operator, or manager of a residential multiple occupancy building or shopping center subject to this section may not impose a utility cost on an occupancy unit or shopping center unit, except for charges that:

(1) the Commission authorizes the gas company or electric company to impose; and

(2) the gas company or electric company actually imposes on the owner, operator, or manager.

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(a) Except as required under subsection (b) of this section, the provisions of this subtitle may not be applied to a small rural electric cooperative that:

(1) has less than 10% of its distribution territory within the State;

(2) maintains its principal place of business outside the State; and