

(1) HYDROELECTRIC POWER OTHER THAN PUMP STORAGE GENERATION;

(2) INCINERATION OF POULTRY LITTER, IF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DETERMINE THAT THERE IS A SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF POULTRY LITTER AVAILABLE FOR THE ECONOMICAL VIABILITY OF ANY EXISTING AND OPERATING ENTITY THAT IS SITED ON THE DELMARVA PENINSULA AND THAT, AS OF JULY 1, 2004, PROCESSES AND PASTEURIZES CHICKEN LITTER AS FERTILIZER; AND

~~(2)~~ (3) WASTE-TO-ENERGY.

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(A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO:

(1) RECOGNIZE THE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, FUEL DIVERSITY, AND SECURITY BENEFITS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES;

(2) ESTABLISH A MARKET FOR ELECTRICITY FROM THESE RESOURCES IN MARYLAND; AND

(3) LOWER THE COST TO CONSUMERS OF ELECTRICITY PRODUCED FROM THESE RESOURCES.

(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) THE BENEFITS OF ELECTRICITY FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, INCLUDING LONG-TERM DECREASED EMISSIONS, A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT, INCREASED ENERGY SECURITY, AND DECREASED RELIANCE ON AND VULNERABILITY FROM IMPORTED ENERGY SOURCES, ACCRUE TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE; AND

(2) ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS AND CONSUMERS SHARE AN OBLIGATION TO DEVELOP A MINIMUM LEVEL OF THESE RESOURCES IN THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PORTFOLIO OF THE STATE.

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(A) (1) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL IMPLEMENT A RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD THAT, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, APPLIES TO ALL RETAIL ELECTRICITY SALES IN THE STATE BY ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS.

(II) IF THE STANDARD BECOMES APPLICABLE TO ELECTRICITY SOLD TO A CUSTOMER AFTER THE START OF A CALENDAR YEAR, THE STANDARD DOES NOT APPLY TO ELECTRICITY SOLD TO THE CUSTOMER DURING THAT PORTION OF THE YEAR BEFORE THE STANDARD BECAME APPLICABLE.

(2) A RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD MAY NOT APPLY TO ELECTRICITY SALES AT RETAIL BY ANY ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER:

(I) IN EXCESS OF 300,000,000 KILOWATT-HOURS OF INDUSTRIAL PROCESS LOAD TO A SINGLE CUSTOMER IN A YEAR;