

(5) AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR SHALL OWN AND HAVE TITLE TO ALL RENEWABLE ENERGY ATTRIBUTES OR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY ELECTRICITY PRODUCED BY ITS ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM.

(1) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE STATUS OF THE NET METERING PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:

(1) THE AMOUNT OF CAPACITY OF ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATORS IN THE STATE BY TYPE OF ENERGY RESOURCE;

(2) BASED ON THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE A DIVERSIFICATION OF THE STATE'S ENERGY RESOURCE MIX TO ENSURE RELIABILITY, WHETHER THE RATED GENERATING CAPACITY LIMIT IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION SHOULD BE ALTERED FOR ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATORS THAT OWN AND OPERATE OR LEASE AND OPERATE A GENERATING FACILITY OTHER THAN A SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY; AND

(3) OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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~~(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(b) "Administration" means the Maryland Energy Administration.~~

~~(c) "Fund" means the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund established under § 7-707 of this subtitle.~~

~~(d) "Industrial process load" means the consumption of electricity by a manufacturing process at an establishment classified in the manufacturing sector under the North American Industry Classification System, codes 31 through 33.~~

~~(e) "Old growth timber" means timber from a forest:~~

~~(1) at least 5 acres in size with a preponderance of old trees, of which the oldest exceed at least half the projected maximum attainable age for the species; and~~

~~(2) that exhibits several of the following characteristics:~~