

~~Section 10-720(a), (b), and (c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Public Utility Companies**

7-306.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Biomass" means "qualified biomass" as defined in § 7-701 of this title.

(3) "Eligible customer-generator" means a customer that owns and operates or leases and operates a biomass, solar, or wind electric generating facility that:

(i) is located on the customer's premises;

(ii) is interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric company's transmission and distribution facilities; and

(iii) is intended primarily to offset all or part of the customer's own electricity requirements.

(4) "Net energy metering" means measurement of the difference between the electricity that is supplied by an electric company and the electricity that is generated by an eligible customer-generator and fed back to the electric company over the eligible customer-generator's billing period.

(b) The General Assembly finds and declares that a program to provide net energy metering for eligible customer-generators is a means to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate in-State economic growth, enhance continued diversification of the State's energy resource mix, and reduce costs of interconnection and administration.

(c) An electric company serving an eligible customer-generator shall ensure that the meter installed for net energy metering is capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two directions.

(d) The Commission shall require electric utilities to develop a standard contract or tariff for net energy metering and make it available to eligible