

(II) ~~IF~~ IF THE OWNER OF A SOLAR GENERATING SYSTEM IN THIS STATE CHOOSES TO SELL SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS FROM THAT SYSTEM, THE OWNER MUST FIRST OFFER THE CREDITS FOR SALE TO AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER OR ELECTRIC COMPANY THAT SHALL APPLY THEM TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD UNDER § 7-703 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(2)] (3) Energy from a Tier 1 renewable source under § 7-701(l)(8) of this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio STANDARD if it is generated at a dam that existed as of January 1, 2004, even if a system or facility that is capable of generating electricity did not exist on that date.

[(3)] (4) (i) Energy from a Tier 2 renewable source under § 7-701(m)(1) or (3) of this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard through 2018 if it is generated at a system or facility that existed and was operational as of January 1, 2004, even if the facility or system was not capable of generating electricity on that date.

(ii) Energy from a Tier 2 renewable source under § 7-701(m)(2) of this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard, regardless of when the generating system was placed in service, IF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DETERMINE THAT THERE IS A SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF POULTRY LITTER AVAILABLE FOR THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF ANY EXISTING AND OPERATING ENTITY THAT IS SITED ON THE DELMARVA PENINSULA AND THAT, AS OF JULY 1, 2004, PROCESSED AND PASTEURIZED CHICKEN LITTER AS FERTILIZER.

(b) On or after January 1, 2004, an electricity supplier may:

- (1) receive renewable energy credits; and
- (2) accumulate renewable energy credits under this subtitle.

[(c) An electricity supplier shall receive double credit toward meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard for energy derived from solar energy.]

~~(c) (1) (i) AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER THAT PURCHASES SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS DIRECTLY FROM A SOLAR ON-SITE GENERATOR SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE ON-SITE GENERATOR FOR A TERM OF AT LEAST 15 YEARS.~~