

(III) LOAN PROGRAMS AND ALTERNATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS; AND

(IV) CONSUMER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO REACH LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.

~~(G)~~ (I) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, COMPLIANCE FEES PAID UNDER § 7-705(B) OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE MAY BE USED ONLY TO MAKE LOANS AND GRANTS TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF NEW TIER 1 RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE STATE.

(2) COMPLIANCE FEES PAID UNDER § 7-705(B)(1)(II) OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY WITHIN THE FUND AND MAY BE USED ONLY TO MAKE LOANS AND GRANTS TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF NEW SOLAR ENERGY SOURCES IN THE STATE.

~~(H)~~ (J) (1) THE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE PAID INTO THE FUND.

(3) ANY REPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON LOANS MADE FROM THE FUND SHALL BE PAID INTO THE FUND.

(4) BALANCES IN THE FUND SHALL BE HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROGRAM, SHALL BE EXPENDED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM, AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF GOVERNMENT.

~~(H)~~ (K) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE BY:

(1) AN APPROPRIATION IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET; OR

(2) A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-209 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(L) AN EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET AMENDMENT MAY BE MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS SECTION ONLY AFTER: