

CHAPTER 341

(Senate Bill 981)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Companies – Net Energy Metering

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of eligible customer-generator; and generally relating to net energy metering.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utility Companies
Section 7–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utility Companies
Section 7–306(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 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~~ **USES, OR CONTRACTS WITH A THIRD PARTY THAT OWNS AND OPERATES** a biomass, solar, or wind electric generating facility that:
- (i) is located on the customer’s premises **OR CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY**;
- (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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.