

# Chapter 403

(Senate Bill 179)

AN ACT concerning

## Electric Companies – ~~Demand-Response~~ Pilot Program for Charging Electric Vehicles

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to establish by a certain date a ~~demand-response~~ pilot program for charging electric vehicles; authorizing an electric company to request to participate in the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to include certain incentives for certain purposes; requiring a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; providing that this Act does not limit the authority of the Commission to receive, consider, and approve certain pilot programs in advance of a certain date; requiring the Commission to consider and act upon certain proposals in a certain manner; and generally relating to a ~~demand-response~~ pilot program for charging electric vehicles.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities  
Section 7-211(m)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume)

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

### Article – Public Utilities

7-211.

**(M) (1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2013, BY REGULATION OR ORDER, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A ~~DEMAND-RESPONSE~~ PILOT PROGRAM FOR ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS TO RECHARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS.**

**(2) (I) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

**(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO ELECTRIC COMPANIES IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

**(3) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE INCENTIVES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL CUSTOMERS TO RECHARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN A MANNER THAT WILL:**

**(I) INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY OF THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; AND**

**(II) LOWER ELECTRICITY USE AT TIMES OF HIGH DEMAND.**

**(4) INCENTIVES MAY INCLUDE:**

**(I) TIME-OF-DAY PRICING OF ELECTRICITY;**

**(II) CREDITS ON DISTRIBUTION CHARGES;**

**(III) REBATES ON THE COST OF CHARGING SYSTEMS; ~~OR~~**

**(IV) DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS; OR**

**(V) OTHER INCENTIVES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.**

**(5) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2015, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS.**

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

**(1) Section 7-211 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, does not limit the authority of the Public Service Commission to receive, consider, and approve proposals for a pilot program for electric customers to recharge electric vehicles during off-peak hours in advance of the date by which the Public Service Commission is required to act in accordance with § 7-211 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and**

**(2) the Public Service Commission shall promptly consider and act upon each proposal for a pilot program for electric customers to recharge electric vehicles during off-peak hours that is submitted under § 7-211 of the Public Utilities Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.**

**SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.**

**Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.**