

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 767

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; in line 2, strike "Affiliate Wheeling" and substitute "Industrial Customer Choice"; and strike in their entirety lines 3 through 19, inclusive, and substitute:

"FOR the purpose of authorizing certain industrial electricity customers to have access to customer choice during a certain period and under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to customer choice for certain industrial customers."

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 1 through line 1 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 2 on page 2 through line 15 on page 7, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That:

(a) Notwithstanding § 7-505 (b)(1) of the Public Utility Companies Article as enacted by Chapters 3 and 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, from the effective date of this Act through December 31, 2000, an industrial electricity customer that consumed at least 2 billion kilowatt hours of electricity in calendar year 1998 shall have the opportunity for customer choice only during those on-peak periods when the electric company serving the industrial electricity customer described under this Act is purchasing power to supplement its existing generation due to a shortage of generating capacity dedicated to serving regulated load, if the shortage would trigger a

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requirement under a contract between the customer and the electric company that the customer either reduce load or authorize the electric company to purchase power for the customer to avoid a load reduction.

(b) The Public Service Commission may issue orders or regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”.