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House Bill 1178 (Frederick County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Electricity - Industrial Customer Choice

This emergency bill allows an industrial electricity customer that consumed at least two billion kilowatt hours of electricity in calendar 1998 to have the opportunity for customer choice only during those on-peak periods when the electric company serving the industrial electricity customer 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 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. This customer choice is available from the bill's effective date through December 31, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The Public Service Commission could handle the requirements of this bill with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Sources: Public Service Commission, Department of Assessments and Taxation

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