

April 4, 2006

In the Matter of the Inquiry into *
Interconnection Standards Under Title VII, * Case No. 9060
Subtitle E. Energy Policy Act of 2005 (16 *
USC § 2621)

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NOTICE OF INQUIRY

The Public Service Commission (“Commission”) hereby establishes this inquiry to consider and determine whether it is appropriate to implement the interconnection standard set forth below. This inquiry arises from the requirement of Title VII, Subtitle E of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (“Act”) for state commissions to consider certain standards for electric utilities. Under Section 1254 of the Act:

Each electric utility shall make available, upon request, interconnection service to any electric consumer that the electric utility serves. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "interconnection service" means service to an electric consumer under which an on-site generating facility on the consumer's premises shall be connected to the local distribution facilities. Interconnection services shall be offered based upon the standards developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers: IEEE Standard 1547 for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, as they may be amended from time to time. In addition, agreements and procedures shall be established whereby the services are offered shall promote current best practices of interconnection for distributed generation, including but not limited to practices stipulated in model codes adopted by associations of state regulatory agencies. All such agreements and procedures shall be just and reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory or preferential.

In addition, this inquiry will consider the MADRI Model Small Generator Interconnection Procedures developed by the Mid-Atlantic Distributed Resources Initiative (MADRI) as the basis for developing interconnection procedures in Maryland.

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The interconnection procedures are available on the MADRI website at <http://www.energetics.com/madri/interconnection.html>.

The Commission requests that jurisdictional electric companies and any other interested person file comments in this case regarding the standard and MADRI interconnection procedures. The Commission will accept initial and reply comments, and pursuant to the Act, hold a public hearing on this matter. Initial and reply comments should be filed by May 12, 2006 and June 2, 2006, respectively.

All filings should be addressed to the attention of O. Ray Bourland, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of Maryland, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Each filing should consist of an original and fourteen (14) copies and include an electronic version of the filing. The Commission encourages electric companies and interested persons to use its "eFile" system for the electronic filing. Details of the "eFile" system are found on the Commission's web site, www.psc.state.md.us.

By Direction of the Commission,

O. Ray Bourland
Executive Secretary

cc: All Electric Companies
Licensed Electric Suppliers