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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public
2 Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes,
3 providing for municipal aggregation of electric generation
4 supply.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Part V of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 63

10 MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION OF

11 ELECTRIC GENERATION SUPPLY

12 Sec.

13 6301. Legislative purpose.

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18 § 6301. Legislative purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to grant legislative authority for any municipality to act as a municipal aggregator of electricity under 66 Pa.C.S. Ch. 28 (relating to restructuring of electric utility industry) and to provide municipal aggregation of electric generation supply to consumers of electricity within its municipal boundaries.

§ 6302. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Commission." The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

"Consumer." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions).

"Default service plan." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions).

"Electric generation supplier." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions).

"Municipal aggregation program." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions).

"Municipal aggregator of electricity." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions).

"Municipality." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions).

"Price-to-compare." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions).

"Small commercial customer." As defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions).

§ 6303. Grant of authority.

(a) Authority.--Except as provided under subsection (b) and notwithstanding any law, a municipality is authorized to:

1 (1) Be a municipal aggregator of electricity and provide
2 opt-in or opt-out municipal aggregation of electric
3 generation supply.

4 (2) Be licensed by the commission as an electric
5 generation supplier.

6 (b) Exception.--A municipality may only act as a municipal
7 aggregator of electricity on behalf of consumers within its
8 geographic boundaries.

9 § 6304. Intergovernmental cooperation.

10 Any two or more municipalities may cooperate and exercise the
11 authority to jointly act as a municipal aggregator of electric
12 generation supply in accordance with Subpart D of Part III
13 (relating to area government and intergovernmental cooperation).

14 § 6305. Limitations.

15 The authority granted to municipalities under this chapter
16 shall be limited by 66 Pa.C.S. § 2806.3 (relating to municipal
17 aggregation of electric generation supply) and any regulations
18 promulgated under 66 Pa.C.S. § 2806.3 by the commission.

19 Section 2. Section 2803 of Title 66 is amended to read:

20 § 2803. Definitions.

21 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
22 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
23 context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 "Aggregator" or "market aggregator." An entity, licensed by
25 the commission, that purchases electric energy and takes title
26 to electric energy as an intermediary for sale to retail
27 customers. The term shall not include a municipal aggregator of
28 electricity.

29 "Bilateral contract." An agreement, as approved by the
30 commission, reached by two parties, each acting in its own

1 independent self-interest, as a result of negotiations free of
2 undue influence, duress or favoritism, in which the electric
3 energy supplier agrees to sell and the electric distribution
4 company agrees to buy a quantity of electric energy at a
5 specified price for a specified period of time under terms
6 agreed to by both parties, and which follows a standard industry
7 template widely accepted in the industry or variations thereto
8 accepted by the parties. Standard industry templates may include
9 the EEI Master Agreement for physical energy purchases and sales
10 and the ISDA Master Agreement for financial energy purchases and
11 sales.

12 "Broker" or "marketer." An entity, licensed by the
13 commission, that acts as an agent or intermediary in the sale
14 and purchase of electric energy but that does not take title to
15 electric energy. The term shall include a municipal aggregator
16 of electricity.

17 "Competitive transition charge." A nonbypassable charge
18 applied to the bill of every customer accessing the transmission
19 or distribution network which (charge) is designed to recover an
20 electric utility's transition or stranded costs as determined by
21 the commission under sections 2804 (relating to standards for
22 restructuring of electric industry) and 2808 (relating to
23 competitive transition charge).

24 "Consumer." A retail electric customer.

25 "Customer." A retail electric customer.

26 "Default service plan." A plan for competitive procurement
27 of default service supply approved by the commission under
28 section 2807(e)(3.6) (relating to duties of electric
29 distribution companies).

30 "Default service provider." An electric distribution company

1 within its certified service territory or an alternative
2 supplier approved by the commission that provides generation
3 service to retail electric customers who:

4 (1) contract for electric power, including energy and
5 capacity, and the chosen electric generation supplier does
6 not supply the service; or

7 (2) do not choose an alternative electric generation
8 supplier.

9 "Direct access." The right of electric generation suppliers
10 and end-use customers to utilize and interconnect with the
11 electric transmission and distribution system on a
12 nondiscriminatory basis at rates, terms and conditions of
13 service comparable to the transmission and distribution
14 companies' own use of the system to transport electricity from
15 any generator of electricity to any end-use customer.

16 "Electric distribution company." The public utility
17 providing facilities for the jurisdictional transmission and
18 distribution of electricity to retail customers, except building
19 or facility owners/operators that manage the internal
20 distribution system serving such building or facility and that
21 supply electric power and other related electric power services
22 to occupants of the building or facility.

23 "Electric generation supplier" or "electricity supplier." A
24 person or corporation, including municipal corporations which
25 choose to provide service outside their municipal limits except
26 to the extent provided prior to the effective date of this
27 chapter, brokers and marketers, aggregators, municipal
28 aggregators of electricity implementing municipal aggregation
29 programs or any other entities, that sells to end-use customers
30 electricity or related services utilizing the jurisdictional

1 transmission or distribution facilities of an electric
2 distribution company or that purchases, brokers, arranges or
3 markets electricity or related services for sale to end-use
4 customers utilizing the jurisdictional transmission and
5 distribution facilities of an electric distribution company. The
6 term excludes building or facility owner/operators that manage
7 the internal distribution system serving such building or
8 facility and that supply electric power and other related power
9 services to occupants of the building or facility. The term
10 excludes electric cooperative corporations except as provided in
11 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 74 (relating to generation choice for customers
12 of electric cooperatives).

13 "End-use customer." A retail electric customer.

14 "Municipal aggregation contract." A written agreement
15 between a municipal aggregator of electricity and an electric
16 generation supplier that includes:

17 (1) Beginning and ending dates of the contract period.

18 (2) Electric generation rate for the contract period.

19 (3) Opt-out and opt-in contract procedures.

20 (4) Customer complaint processes.

21 (5) Contact information for inquiries related to
22 municipal aggregation.

23 "Municipal aggregation program." A program providing for a
24 municipality acting as a broker or marketer on behalf of the
25 eligible consumers within the municipality's geographic
26 boundaries not excluded by section 2806.3 (relating to municipal
27 aggregation of electric generation supply). A program may be
28 either:

29 (1) an opt-out program, which shall include every
30 eligible consumer who does not choose to be excluded from the

1 program; or

2 (2) an opt-in program, which shall include only those
3 eligible consumers who choose to participate in the program.

4 "Municipal aggregator of electricity." A municipality,
5 licensed by the commission, that acts as a broker or marketer on
6 behalf of the eligible consumers within the municipality's
7 geographic boundaries under municipal aggregation.

8 "Municipality." A county, city, township, town or borough.
9 The term shall include a municipality subject to the former act
10 of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the Home Rule
11 Charter and Optional Plans Law.

12 "Price-to-compare." A line item that appears on a retail
13 customer's monthly bill for default service. The price-to-
14 compare is equal to the sum of all unbundled generation-related
15 and transmission-related charges to a default service customer
16 for that month of service. The price-to-compare is a customer-
17 specific price for a given month of service reflecting all cost
18 components that the customer avoids when choosing to take
19 electric generation service from an electric generation
20 supplier.

21 "Reliability." Includes adequacy and security. As used in
22 this definition, "adequacy" means the provision of sufficient
23 generation, transmission and distribution capacity so as to
24 supply the aggregate electric power and energy requirements of
25 consumers, taking into account scheduled and unscheduled outages
26 of system facilities; and "security" means designing,
27 maintaining and operating a system so that it can handle
28 emergencies safely while continuing to operate.

29 "Renewable resource." Includes technologies such as solar
30 photovoltaic energy, solar thermal energy, wind power, low-head

1 hydropower, geothermal energy, landfill and mine-based methane
2 gas, energy from waste and sustainable biomass energy.

3 "Retail customer." A retail electric customer.

4 "Retail electric customer." A direct purchaser of electric
5 power. The term excludes an occupant of a building or facility
6 where the owners/operators manage the internal distribution
7 system serving such building or facility and supply electric
8 power and other related power services to occupants of the
9 building or facility; where such owners/operators are direct
10 purchasers of electric power; and where the occupants are not
11 direct purchasers.

12 "Small commercial customer." A retail electric customer that
13 receives electric service under a small commercial, small
14 industrial or small business rate classification and whose
15 maximum registered peak load was less than 50 kW within the last
16 12 months.

17 "Transition or stranded costs." An electric utility's known
18 and measurable net electric generation-related costs, determined
19 on a net present value basis over the life of the asset or
20 liability as part of its restructuring plan, which traditionally
21 would be recoverable under a regulated environment but which may
22 not be recoverable in a competitive electric generation market
23 and which the commission determines will remain following
24 mitigation by the electric utility. This term includes:

25 (1) Regulatory assets and other deferred charges
26 typically recoverable under current regulatory practice, the
27 unfunded portion of the utility's projected nuclear
28 generating plant decommissioning costs and cost obligations
29 under contracts with nonutility generating projects which
30 have received a commission order, the recoverability of which

1 shall be determined under section 2808(c) (1) (relating to
2 competitive transition charge).

3 (2) Prudently incurred costs related to cancellation,
4 buyout, buydown or renegotiation of nonutility generating
5 projects consistent with section 527 (relating to
6 cogeneration rules and regulations), the recoverability of
7 which shall be determined pursuant to section 2808(c) (2).

8 (3) The following costs, the recoverability of which
9 shall be determined pursuant to section 2808(c) (3):

10 (i) Net plant investments and costs attributable to
11 the utility's existing generation plants and facilities.

12 (ii) The utility's disposal of spent nuclear fuel.

13 (iii) The utility's long-term purchase power
14 commitments other than the costs defined in paragraphs
15 (1) and (2).

16 (iv) Retirement costs attributable to the utility's
17 existing generating plants other than the costs defined
18 in paragraph (1).

19 (v) Other transition costs of the utility, including
20 costs of employee severance, retraining, early
21 retirement, outplacement and related expenses, at
22 reasonable levels, for employees who are affected by
23 changes that occur as a result of the restructuring of
24 the electric industry occasioned by this chapter.

25 The term includes any costs attributable to physical plants no
26 longer used and useful because of the transition to retail
27 competition. The term excludes any amounts previously disallowed
28 by the commission as imprudently incurred. To the extent that
29 the recoverability of amounts that are sought to be included as
30 transition or stranded costs are subject to appellate review as

1 of the time of the commission determination, any determination
2 to include such costs shall be reversed to the extent required
3 by the results of that appellate review.

4 "Transmission and distribution costs." All costs directly or
5 indirectly incurred to provide transmission and distribution
6 services to retail electric customers. This includes the return
7 of and return on facilities and other capital investments
8 necessary to provide transmission and distribution services and
9 associated operating expenses, including applicable taxes.

10 "Universal service and energy conservation." Policies,
11 protections and services that help low-income customers to
12 maintain electric service. The term includes customer assistance
13 programs, termination of service protection and policies and
14 services that help low-income customers to reduce or manage
15 energy consumption in a cost-effective manner, such as the low-
16 income usage reduction programs, application of renewable
17 resources and consumer education.

18 Section 3. Title 66 is amended by adding a section to read:

19 § 2806.3. Municipal aggregation of electric generation supply.

20 (a) Licensing.--The commission, in accordance with its
21 regulations, within 30 days following receipt of an application,
22 may issue a license to a municipality as an electric generation
23 supplier to act as a municipal aggregator of electric generation
24 supply service for eligible consumers within the municipality's
25 geographic boundaries. A municipal aggregator of electricity
26 under this section shall not be considered a public utility or a
27 utility engaging in the wholesale purchase and resale of
28 electricity, and the provision of municipal aggregation shall
29 not be considered a wholesale utility transaction.

30 (b) Ordinance required.--Prior to applying for an electric

generation supplier license with the commission, the governing
body of the municipality shall adopt an ordinance authorizing
the municipality to apply for an electric generation supplier
license to serve as a municipal aggregator of electricity,
indicate whether the municipal aggregation shall be an opt-in or
opt-out program and shall identify municipal officials by either
title of office or name, or their duly appointed designees,
authorized to execute documents with the commission on behalf of
the municipality. A municipal aggregator of electricity shall
provide reasonable public notice of municipal consideration of
any ordinance authorizing a municipal aggregation program, which
shall include newspaper publication on a monthly basis beginning
at least 90 days prior to the adoption of an ordinance
authorizing an opt-out program.

(c) Municipal aggregation contracts.--

(1) A municipal aggregator of electricity may negotiate
and enter into a contract for electric generation supply
services with an electric generation supplier. A municipal
aggregator of electricity shall use a competitive procurement
or request-for proposal process to select the electric
generation supplier from the lowest responsible qualified
bidder, regardless of the generation fuel type, location,
technology or new or existing status of the generation that
the electric generation supplier will use to supply the
municipal aggregation. An executed municipal aggregation
contract shall not go into effect prior to filing with the
commission, and a copy of the filed contract shall be
provided to the electric distribution company whose service
territory includes the municipal aggregator. Each contract
shall include:

1 (i) provisions for the timing of the distribution of
2 customer lists by the electric distribution company and
3 customer notices consistent with this section;

4 (ii) a consumer education plan with appropriate
5 consumer education materials to inform consumers about
6 the existence of the municipal aggregation and the
7 highlights of the program, which shall be deployed
8 concurrently with the distribution of opt-in or opt-out
9 notices, as applicable; and

10 (iii) a copy of the sample opt-in or opt-out notice
11 to be sent to consumers, which shall provide the
12 identification of the selected electric generation
13 supplier.

14 (2) Any contract between a municipality and an electric
15 generation supplier executed under this section shall clearly
16 indicate whether it is for an opt-in or opt-out municipal
17 aggregation and the price that the contracted electric
18 generation supplier will charge customers for electric
19 generation supply, as well as the time period of the
20 contract. A contract executed under this section may not
21 exceed three years. If the price is a fixed rate, the price
22 shall be expressed in cents per kilowatt hour. If the
23 contract provides for a percentage off of the default service
24 rate or any other type of pricing arrangement, an
25 understandable description of the amount of the percentage
26 discount or other pricing arrangement and how the rate may
27 change shall be provided. If the electric generation supplier
28 will charge different rates to different rate classes within
29 the municipality, the applicable rate to consumers within
30 each rate class shall be described.

1 (d) Opt-out programs; notice and opt-out procedures.--

2 (1) No consumer may be bound by a contract between a
3 municipal aggregator of electricity and an electric
4 generation supplier in opt-out municipal aggregation.
5 Customers receiving electric generation service under an opt-
6 out municipal aggregation program may switch to an electric
7 generation supplier other than the supplier to the municipal
8 aggregation program at any time without penalty, cancellation
9 fees or other restrictions, provided that the switch shall
10 take place pursuant to commission-approved switching
11 procedures.

12 (2) Any contract between a municipality and an electric
13 generation supplier executed under this section shall contain
14 procedures for addressing consumer disputes and complaints
15 related to supply services received pursuant to a municipal
16 aggregation program. The procedures shall be made available
17 to consumers, at least annually, in a clear and easily
18 understandable format. After a municipality executes a
19 contract for electric generation services, but prior to
20 including a consumer's electric account or accounts in an
21 opt-out municipal aggregation, a municipal aggregator of
22 electricity shall provide each eligible consumer with written
23 notice that the consumer's account will be automatically
24 included in the municipal aggregation unless the customer
25 affirmatively opts out of the municipal aggregation. The
26 notice, written in plain language, shall include all of the
27 following:

28 (i) A description of the ordinance adopted by the
29 municipality authorizing it to apply for a license from
30 the commission, the competitive procurement process under

1 which offers for electric generation supply were
2 solicited and a location where, during regular business
3 hours, consumers may view the ordinance and executed
4 contract free of charge or obtain a copy for a reasonable
5 fee.

6 (ii) Disclosure of the price that the contracted
7 electric generation supplier will charge customers for
8 electric generation service. If the price is a fixed
9 rate, the municipal aggregator of electricity shall
10 express the price in cents per kilowatt hour and list the
11 most recent applicable price-to-compare of the default
12 service provider in whose service territory the
13 municipality is located. If the contract provides for a
14 percentage off of the default service rate or any other
15 type of pricing arrangement, an understandable
16 description of the amount of the percentage discount or
17 other pricing arrangement and how the rate may change
18 shall be provided. If the electric generation supplier
19 charges different rates to different rate classes within
20 the municipality, the municipal aggregator of electricity
21 shall describe the applicable rate to consumers within
22 each rate class and the associated price-to-compare.

23 (iii) An itemized list and explanation of all fees
24 and charges that are not incorporated into the rates
25 charged for electric generation service that the electric
26 generation supplier will charge to the consumer for
27 participating in the municipal aggregation, including any
28 surcharges that may be assessed.

29 (iv) Disclosure of the estimated service
30 commencement date and notice that the consumer may opt

1 out of the municipal aggregation program at any time.

2 (v) A statement informing consumers that if they
3 choose to opt out of the municipal aggregation they will
4 be served by the default service offer established under
5 section 2807(e) (relating to duties of electric
6 distribution companies) until the consumer chooses an
7 alternative electric generation supplier or chooses to
8 participate in a subsequent municipal aggregation.

9 (vi) A statement informing consumers that if they
10 switch back to the default service provider they may not
11 be served under the same rates, terms and conditions that
12 apply to other customers within the municipal
13 aggregation.

14 (vii) Disclosure of any credit, collection and
15 deposit policies and requirements.

16 (viii) Disclosure of any limitations or conditions
17 on customer acceptance into the municipal aggregation.

18 (ix) A description of the process for consumers to
19 opt out of the municipal aggregation. The process shall
20 include provisions for consumers to return a postcard or
21 similar notice to the municipal aggregator of electricity
22 or its agent. The process may include other opt-out
23 methods, such as telephonic or Internet notice, if these
24 alternative methods allow for verification of a
25 consumer's election to opt out of the municipal
26 aggregation.

27 (x) A local or toll-free telephone number, with the
28 available calling hours, that consumers may call with
29 questions regarding the formation or operation of the
30 municipal aggregation.

1 (e) Opt-in programs; notice and opt-in procedures.--

2 (1) No consumer may be bound by a contract between a
3 municipal aggregator and an electric generation supplier in
4 opt-in municipal aggregation until the consumer has been
5 provided an opt-in notice required under this subsection and
6 the expiration of any waiting period for a consumer to cancel
7 the pending change to the electric generation supplier
8 following written confirmation by the electric distribution
9 company as prescribed by regulation. Customers receiving
10 electric generation service under an opt-in municipal
11 aggregation program may switch to an electric generation
12 supplier other than the supplier to the municipal aggregation
13 program at any time without penalty, cancellation fees or
14 other restrictions, provided that the switch shall take place
15 pursuant to commission-approved switching procedures.

16 (2) After a municipality executes a contract for
17 electric generation services, but prior to including a
18 consumer's electric account or accounts in an opt-in
19 municipal aggregation, a municipal aggregator of electricity
20 shall provide each eligible consumer with written notice that
21 the customer may participate in the municipal aggregation.
22 The notice, written in plain language, shall include all of
23 the information required under subsection (d)(2)(i), (ii),
24 (iii), (v), (vi), (vii), (ix) and (x) and the following
25 information:

26 (i) A statement informing consumers that if they do
27 not choose to opt in to the municipal aggregation they
28 will be served by the default service offer established
29 under section 2807(e) until the consumer chooses an
30 alternative electric generation supplier or chooses to

1 participate in a subsequent municipal aggregation.

2 (ii) A description of the process for consumers to
3 opt in to the municipal aggregation. The process shall
4 include provisions for consumers to return a postcard or
5 similar notice to the municipal aggregator of electricity
6 or its agent. The process may include other opt-in
7 methods, such as telephonic or Internet notice, if these
8 alternative methods allow for verification of a
9 consumer's election to opt in to the municipal
10 aggregation. The time period for a customer to choose to
11 opt in to the municipal aggregation shall be at least 30
12 days from the date of the mailing of the written notice.
13 If a consumer's return postcard or notice is postmarked
14 before the opt-in deadline has elapsed, the consumer
15 shall be deemed to have opted in to the municipal
16 aggregation.

17 (f) Additional requirements; provision of customer
18 information.--

19 (1) The following consumers shall be excluded from
20 enrollment in a municipal aggregation:

21 (i) For opt-out municipal aggregation only, a
22 consumer that has opted out of the municipal aggregation
23 under subsection (d) or that has a special contract or
24 agreement with an electric distribution company or a
25 consumer under an existing contract with a licensed
26 electric generation supplier other than a consumer under
27 a municipal aggregation contract with the current
28 electric generation supplier of the municipal
29 aggregation.

30 (ii) A consumer that is not located within the

1 geographic boundaries of the municipal aggregator of
2 electricity.

3 (iii) A consumer other than a residential or small
4 commercial customer.

5 (iv) A consumer that is enrolled in an electric
6 distribution company's customer assistance program that
7 does not include any electric generation supplier charges
8 in the calculation of the customer assistance program
9 benefit.

10 (v) End-use consumers served or authorized to be
11 served by an electric cooperative or loads served by a
12 municipality that owns and operates its own electric
13 distribution system.

14 (2) No earlier than three months and no later than 30
15 days prior to the end of the term of a municipal aggregation
16 contract and commencement of a new municipal aggregation
17 contract or contract renewal term, a municipal aggregator of
18 electricity or the electric generation supplier to the
19 municipal aggregation shall provide notice to all consumers
20 served by the municipal aggregation or who opted out of the
21 municipal aggregation of their right to opt out of the
22 subsequent municipal aggregation and take service pursuant to
23 the default service provider's default service offer or with
24 another electric generation supplier without fee or penalty.
25 The notice shall also explicitly inform customers who may
26 have opted out of any previous municipal aggregation
27 contracts that they may be eligible to participate in the
28 upcoming municipal aggregation contract, pursuant to the
29 eligibility requirements defined in this subsection. The
30 notice shall follow the procedures established for the

1 initial opt-out or opt-in notice set forth in subsection (d)
2 or (e), as applicable, and shall prominently disclose to
3 customers all changes to the terms and conditions associated
4 with the municipal aggregation. The municipal aggregator of
5 electricity may not send an opt-out notice to the same
6 customer account for the period covered by the municipal
7 aggregation contract where the customer account has
8 previously opted out.

9 (3) No municipal aggregator of electricity or electric
10 generation supplier serving a municipal aggregation may
11 impose any term, condition, fee or charge on a consumer
12 served by a municipal aggregation that is materially
13 different from the particular term, condition, fee or charge
14 which was included within the contract between the municipal
15 aggregator of electricity and the electric generation
16 supplier or the notices provided under subsection (d) or (e).

17 (4) The following shall apply to provisions for the list
18 of eligible municipal aggregation consumers:

19 (i) After the issuance of a license to a municipal
20 aggregator of electricity and upon request of the
21 municipal aggregator of electricity or an electric
22 generation supplier designated by the municipal
23 aggregator, an electric distribution company shall use
24 reasonable efforts to provide the following information
25 to the extent it is maintained by the electric
26 distribution company for all consumers residing within
27 the municipal aggregator of electricity's geographic
28 boundaries to the municipal aggregator of electricity or
29 the electric generation supplier within 30 calendar days
30 of the request:

1 (A) An updated list of names, addresses, account
2 numbers, rate codes, indication of whether a consumer
3 is enrolled in a customer assistance program or
4 budget billing, load data and other related consumer
5 information, consistent with the information that is
6 provided to other electric generation suppliers.

7 (B) An identification of consumers who are
8 currently under contract with an electric generation
9 supplier or in a special arrangement with the
10 electric distribution company.

11 (ii) The municipal aggregator of electricity or the
12 electric generation supplier to the municipal aggregation
13 may only use the consumer information from the list of
14 eligible municipal aggregation consumers for the purpose
15 of forming and operating its municipal aggregation and
16 may not disclose the consumer information unless the
17 release is pursuant to a court order or a commission
18 regulation or order.

19 (iii) Upon completion of the mailing of opt-out
20 notices and expiration of any associated waiting period
21 under subsection (d)(1), a municipal aggregator of
22 electricity or the electric generation supplier to a
23 municipal aggregation may request updated consumer
24 information required under this subsection, and the
25 electric distribution company shall use reasonable
26 efforts to provide such information within ten days of
27 the request.

28 (5) The following shall apply to the notice of municipal
29 aggregation and opt-out notice:

30 (i) Each municipal aggregator of electricity shall

1 ensure that only eligible consumers are included in its
2 municipal aggregation.

3 (ii) If accounts of ineligible consumers or
4 consumers who have not opted in or who have opted out of
5 the municipal aggregation, as applicable, are switched to
6 the electric generation supplier to the municipal
7 aggregation, the municipal aggregator of electricity
8 shall promptly inform the consumer and take all necessary
9 actions to have the consumer switched back to the
10 consumer's original electric generation supplier or
11 default service provider at no cost to the consumer and
12 shall reimburse the consumer for any amount paid under
13 the municipal aggregation that is greater than the amount
14 otherwise due for its original generation service. The
15 original electric generation supplier or default service
16 provider shall not be liable for any costs, fees,
17 penalties or damages, including any imposed by the
18 regional transmission organization in which the municipal
19 aggregator of electricity is located, arising from the
20 improper transfer. Consistent with due process, the
21 commission may require the electric generation supplier
22 to the municipal aggregator of electricity to pay any
23 such amounts incurred by the original electric generation
24 supplier or default service provider, plus any amounts
25 the original electric generation supplier would have
26 received from the consumer for electric generation
27 service from the time of the improper transfer until the
28 consumer is returned to electric generation service
29 provided by the original electric generation supplier.

30 (g) Coordination with default service.--

1 (1) The implementation of a municipal aggregation
2 program shall be coordinated with the default service supply
3 procurement plans of the electric distribution company whose
4 service territory encompasses the boundaries of the
5 municipality participating in the program.

6 (2) Unless otherwise authorized by the commission, no
7 municipal aggregator may enter into a contract for electric
8 generation services during the term of the default service
9 supply procurement plan, approved by the commission on the
10 effective date of this section, of the electric distribution
11 company whose service territory encompasses the boundaries of
12 the municipal aggregator.

13 (3) If a municipal aggregator of electricity ceases to
14 provide municipal aggregation services during the current
15 term of the municipal aggregation contract filed with the
16 commission and the customers of the municipal aggregator of
17 electricity are returned to default service, the default
18 service rate for such customers shall be the market price for
19 generation service, including all charges for spot market
20 purchases of energy, capacity, transmission, ancillary
21 services, compliance with the act of November 30, 2004
22 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio
23 Standards Act, and all other costs incurred by the default
24 service provider in the provision of generation service to
25 such customers, for the remainder of the default service
26 provider's current default service plan.

27 (h) Duties of electric distribution companies and cost
28 recovery.--

29 (1) Each electric distribution company shall provide
30 reasonable cooperation with municipal aggregators of

1 electricity or the electric generation supplier to the
2 municipal aggregation to facilitate the proper formation and
3 functioning of opt-out or opt-in municipal aggregation, as
4 applicable, including coordinating with municipal aggregators
5 of electricity and electric generation suppliers to promote
6 nondiscriminatory access to electric services and to process
7 enrollment requests from municipal aggregators of electricity
8 or their designated electric generation supplier in
9 accordance with the same processes applicable to other
10 licensed electric generation suppliers providing service to
11 retail electric customers.

12 (2) An electric distribution company shall recover on a
13 full and current basis all costs incurred to support and that
14 are related to municipal aggregation through a nonbypassable
15 reconcilable automatic adjustment charge under section 1307
16 (relating to sliding scale of rates; adjustments) from all
17 residential and small commercial consumers accessing the
18 electric distribution company's transmission and distribution
19 system.

20 (i) Duties of commission.--The commission shall:

21 (1) Promulgate regulations necessary to implement the
22 provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,
23 developing opt-in and opt-out notices for use by municipal
24 aggregators of electricity in this Commonwealth.

25 (2) Promulgate regulations and take any other action
26 necessary to coordinate the implementation of municipal
27 aggregation programs with commission approval of electric
28 distribution company default supply procurement plans.

29 Section 4. Sections 2807(d)(1) and 2809(a) of Title 66 are
30 amended to read:

1 § 2807. Duties of electric distribution companies.

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3 (d) Consumer protections and customer service.--The electric
4 distribution company shall continue to provide customer service
5 functions consistent with the regulations of the commission,
6 including meter reading, complaint resolution and collections.
7 Customer services shall, at a minimum, be maintained at the same
8 level of quality under retail competition.

9 (1) [The] Except as provided under section 2806.3
10 (relating to municipal aggregation of electric generation
11 supply), the commission shall establish regulations to ensure
12 that an electric distribution company does not change a
13 customer's electricity supplier without direct oral
14 confirmation from the customer of record or written evidence
15 of the customer's consent to a change of supplier.

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17 § 2809. Requirements for electric generation suppliers.

18 (a) License requirement.--No person or corporation,
19 including municipal corporations which choose to provide service
20 outside their municipal limits except to the extent provided
21 prior to the effective date of this chapter, brokers and
22 marketers, aggregators, municipal aggregators of electricity
23 implementing municipal aggregation programs and other entities,
24 shall engage in the business of an electric generation supplier
25 in this Commonwealth unless the person or corporation holds a
26 license issued by the commission. The commission may waive
27 certain licensing requirements in its regulations for municipal
28 aggregators of electricity implementing municipal aggregation
29 programs. Consistent with 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 74 (relating to
30 generation choice for customers of electric cooperatives),

1 electric cooperative corporations must possess a certificate for
2 service to supply generation services beyond their territorial
3 limits.

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5 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.