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Updates to State CHP Action

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- Connecticut. The Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (under CT DPUC Docket 03-01-15). The proposed rule was released in December of 2003, and the finalized documents entitled, “Small Generation Interconnection Protocols” were adopted by the DPUC in April 2004. These standards include streamlined applications for systems under 10 kW and a variety of other expedited regulations for systems up to 5 MW. The rules were developed by the Connecticut Power and Light and the United Illuminating Company, but are adapted from other New England state guidelines.
- Massachusetts. In February 2004, the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy released the final version of the standardized interconnection rules for small generators. All utilities were expected to file tariffs within 90 days (there is no evidence that they didn't). The new rules are based on IEEE 1547 and other IEEE standards.
- Michigan. In September 2003, the Public Service Commission issued a memo under case number U-13745 ordering the public utilities to file new rate tariffs by Spring 2004 based on appendix A of that order. The Commission anticipated that the utilities would work together on this front to create uniform interconnection standards.
- New Jersey. In February 2004, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities released a straw man plan for a CHP incentive program. The program was modeled after California's pilot program. The program would encourage New Jersey located facilities that purchase electricity from the grid and are on an eligible gas or electric tariff to incorporate CHP into their energy needs. The incentive (funding from the Board of Public Utilities) is given for up to 1 MW of distributed generating power. The program was rolled out through New Jersey's Clean Energy Office in June 2004 with \$5 million in funding. Applications were due August 2, 2004. More info: <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/html/Combined/combined.html>.

Other somewhat interesting stuff:

- Arkansas – in the Spring of 2002, the state Public Service Commission finalized net metering rules (Order No. 02-046-R) that allowed for CHP if the fuel is renewable (and other renewable net-metering).