May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House H–101 State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 275 – Public Utilities – Net Energy Metering – Hydroelectric.

This bill includes in the definition of eligible customer—generators that are eligible for net energy metering a customer that uses a specified type of hydroelectric generating facility and defines "closed conduit hydro".

Senate Bill 271, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 275.

Sincerely,

Governor