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Position Statement

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House Bill 237 Commercial Law - Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) appreciates the opportunity to comment on *House Bill 237 Commercial Law – Personal Information Protection Act – Revisions*.

This bill requires that Maryland businesses that collect customer information implement and maintain certain data breach notification procedures and practices. Customer information includes account information, social security numbers, driver license numbers and forms of tracking data, which could include electricity consumption data collected by BGE for billing purposes.

BGE understands the concerns about data privacy breaches, however Maryland has historically exempted utilities from providing customers with disclosure of sensitive information in order to protect disclosure of critical electric infrastructure information.

The process of how information that impacts critical electric infrastructure information is disseminated and to whom continues to evolve through an existing Cyber-Security Reporting Work Group regulatory process at the Public Service Commission. Any policy impacting critical electric infrastructure information must be developed in a way that does not add unnecessary risk to the electric system, while protecting the electric utility's ability to service the needs of its customers.

We look forward to working with stakeholders to ensure the security of Maryland's energy infrastructure remains resilient against cyber-attacks.