

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 650 – *Energy Storage Pilot Project Act*.

This bill requires the Public Service Commission to establish an Energy Storage Pilot Program by a certain date; and that certain program implementation and evaluation steps must be met within certain timeframes.

This bill also requires the Public Service Commission to evaluate the program and submit both interim and final reports to the General Assembly by certain dates. Additionally, the bill clarifies that the pilot program may not preclude any other investment by a public service company in energy storage, and that the termination of the pilot program may not affect the cost recovery by an investor-owned electric company for the lifetime of an energy storage project.

Senate Bill 573, 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 650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor