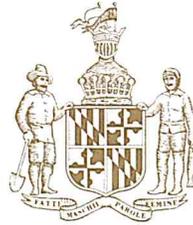


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TESTIMONY OF SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY

REGARDING SENATE BILL 538 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - APPLICATION
FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY - PRESERVATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE CLIMATE

BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Mr. Vice Chairman and Members:

Senate Bill 538 adds one more consideration to the list of standards under review before the Public Service Commission takes a final action on an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a generating station, an overhead transmission line, or for a qualified generator lead line.

Currently the Public Service Commission must consider the impact upon:

- 1. The stability and reliability of the electric system**
- 2. Economics**
- 3. Aesthetics**
- 4. Historic sites**
- 5. Aviation safety as determined by the Maryland Aviation Administration and by the Federal Aviation Administration, and**
- 6. Air quality and water pollution, when applicable.**

Senate Bill 538 adds “Preservation of environmental quality and the climate,” as a variable that shall also be considered before the Public Service Commission takes final action on an application for a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Without such consideration we inadvertently undermine much of our work to have both a clean and renewable energy portfolio. I therefore urge your favorable report of Senate Bill 538.