



An Exelon Company

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Position Statement

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SB 686 Residential Electricity and Gas Supply Billing Information - Reports

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) favors with an amendment *Senate Bill 686 Residential Electricity and Gas Supply Billing Information – Reports*, which would require electric and gas companies to submit monthly reports to the Public Service Commission (Commission) detailing supply billing rates to residential customers at various income levels.

Senate Bill 686 seeks to retrieve information regarding rates charged by third-party suppliers by requiring electric and gas companies to submit monthly reports to the Commission. The bill would require the report to be broken down by supplier and capture information including: total kWhs or therms billed, dollar amount billed, number of customers, and total number of customers. The bill would also require similar information to be provided about Standard Offer Service and utility-procured gas. All rate information reported would have to be further organized based on the customer income level.

BGE recognizes that improvements have been made to this year's version of the legislation, specifically the provision that takes into account that the only indication of household income available to the utility is when a customer is approved for an Office of Home Energy Program (OHEP) grant for energy assistance, which has an eligibility limit of at or below 175% of the federal poverty level. The bill defines low-income customer as a customer who receives energy assistance from OHEP in the Department of Human Services.

One concerning aspect of the bill is the lack of clarity regarding the responsible entities for retrieving detailed billing information for customers served by third-party suppliers. The bill requires third-party suppliers to provide data on their customers, but the bill could also be interpreted to require utilities to provide data on those same customers. This dual reporting structure would be duplicitous and would complicate the Commission's reporting requirements. Further, depending on the interpretation of the term, BGE may not have access to the "detailed billing information" required under the bill.

Accordingly, BGE respectfully requests an amendment to clarify that a public service company would be responsible for providing information in the monthly billing information reports solely for customers supplied by the electric standard offer service or utility procured-gas.

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 686
(First Reader File Bill)

Page 2, Line 7, after "BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021," insert "**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2),**"

Page 2, after Line 14, insert "**(2) IN REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY SHALL ONLY INCLUDE INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS SUPPLIED BY THE ELECTRICITY STANDARD OFFER SERVICE OR UTILITY-PROCURED GAS.**"

Page 2, Line 15, change "2" to "3".

BGE, headquartered in Baltimore, is Maryland's largest gas and electric utility, delivering power to more than 1.2 million electric customers and more than 655,000 natural gas customers in central Maryland. The company's approximately 3,400 employees are committed to the safe and reliable delivery of gas and electricity, as well as enhanced energy management, conservation, environmental stewardship and community assistance. BGE is a subsidiary of Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), the nation's leading competitive energy provider.