



Maryland House of Delegates - Economic Matters Committee

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House Bill 613 - Coal- and Gas – Fired – Generating Stations – Prohibitions
(Prince George’s County Stop Environmentally just Coal and Gas Plants Act 4 of 2021)

Position: Oppose

The Baltimore DC Building Trades Council oppose HB 613. There are no contingent plans that we are aware of to replace this amount of energy with renewable sources either wind or solar in Prince George’s County.

The **Chalk Point Generating Station** is a 2,647-MWe electricity-generating plant owned by NRG Energy. Plant operator GenOn Energy Holdings announced in August 2020 that it would shut down the two coal-fired units at the plant in June 2021.

Environmental and community advocates supported the closure, but highlighted the lack of a plan in Maryland to support a "Just Transition" for the community and employees of the plant.

Units 1 and 2 are coal fired and Units 3 and 4 are oil/gas.

The Great Bay wind project in Somerset County would generate 150 MW. Also, the offshore wind projects; Marwin wind project takes up 79,707 acres to erect 32 wind turbines for 248 megawatts of energy and the Skipjack wind project with 26,332 acres for 10 turbines and 120 megawatts of energy for a total of 518 megawatts of energy. A far cry from the 2647 MW at Chalk Point and the 900 MW at the Keys Energy center in Brandywine.

Without these crucially needed energy sources Prince Georges County would be compelled to purchase energy from outside of Maryland, either West Virginia or Pennsylvania which would use coal to generate that energy and we believe at an increased kilowatt rate.

We ask that the bill not go forward and to open up the dialogue so we can work together for a just and clean energy solution.

Sincerely,

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