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Position Statement

SUPPORT

Environment & Transportation
Committee

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HB 110 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) supports *SB 144: Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act*. This legislation establishes standards relating to the installation and use of electric vehicle recharging equipment in condominiums and homeowners' associations. The bill establishes a grant program within the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) and authorizes a condominium or HOA to apply for a grant to facilitate the electrical upgrade of a parking structure.

This legislation is consistent with Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction goals. In 2013, along with nine other states, Maryland signed a memorandum of understanding on state Zero-Emission Vehicle programs. At that time, Maryland adopted a goal of 300,000 zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025. Studies show that to meet this goal, approximately 125,000 electric vehicles (EVs) would need to be added to BGE's service territory and about 27,000 charging stations would be needed.

Accordingly, BGE launched its EVsmart Program, which fits into this directive and will propel progress on Maryland's Air Quality and Chesapeake Bay goals. Under EVsmart, in addition to consumer education programs, BGE plans to install 500 public access charging stations. In addition, BGE's EVsmart program would help to mitigate the costs of implementing the bill because the program incentivizes the installation of charging infrastructure at 1,700 residential and multi-unit dwelling properties.

BGE is committed to helping Maryland achieve its electric vehicle goals. Accordingly, we support this legislation and respectfully request a favorable committee report.