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Delegate Dana Stein's Testimony in Support of HB 1214 – Residential Retail Electricity – Green Power – Renewable Energy Credits and Marketing Claims

Chairman Wilson, Vice Chairman Crosby and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

Since last year, I've received eight or more solicitations from CleanChoice Energy to switch my power to them. CleanChoice advertises 100% clean, pollution-free energy.

I haven't considered switching, because I'm fine with my standard offer service and CleanChoice's power rate is higher and will vary after the third month.

But I later wondered, how do we confirm that CleanChoice's energy, and the power of any other energy supplier that advertises 100% clean, pollution-free energy, is indeed 100% clean and pollution-free? To me, those terms include solar, wind, geothermal, ocean, or small hydro.

Simply, this bill requires any power supplier making such claims document with the PSC its renewable RECs for the power it is providing to Maryland customers. The power source should be located in the PJM, or delivered into the PJM region, in line with current Maryland REC requirements.

It also requires that a supplier making these kinds of claims for its energy have a corresponding disclosure on its solicitation.

I consider this bill to be consumer-protection legislation – if an energy supplier is advertising 100% clean, pollution-free energy, it should document that.

I urge a favorable vote.

UTILITY COMPANY: BG&E
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SECOND ATTEMPT



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NOTICE TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND RESIDENTS:

Energy deregulation in the state of Maryland allows you to select the energy supply used to power your home.

- Simply sign and return the form below.
- Get 100% clean, pollution-free energy.

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN CHOOSING CLEAN ENERGY:

It's easy. All that's needed is your permission to switch. Just complete the attached form and return it to CleanChoice Energy in the postage paid envelope.

NOTE: There is no interruption in service, no fee from us to switch, no new equipment, no service call, no change in reliability.

BENEFITS OF CHOOSING CLEAN ENERGY:

- Reduce air pollution
- Reduce toxic waste
- Promote a healthier future

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Your electricity will still be delivered, billed and serviced by BG&E. You are simply telling BG&E to switch your electric supply to CleanChoice Energy.

Frequently Asked Questions About Switching to Clean Energy

Q. If I switch my electricity to clean, renewable sources, who will my utility company be?

A. BG&E will still maintain the wires, prepare your bill and provide reliable service. The only thing that will change is that the electricity your home uses will be replenished by clean, renewable wind and solar sources supplied by CleanChoice Energy.

Q. What will happen to my electricity bills?

A. In short, supporting renewable energy costs more than polluting energy. Usage is a factor in energy costs and residential electricity usage is typically higher in the winter and summer months. See enclosed important offer details for more information about pricing.

Q. What if the power goes out?

A. Call BG&E just as you always have. Outages will be no more or less likely than they've ever been.

Q. Where will the clean energy come from?

A. When you choose clean energy, BG&E will get your energy from a licensed energy supplier, CleanChoice Energy will source wind and solar power from farms in your region.



Q. Who is CleanChoice Energy?

A. CleanChoice Energy is an energy supplier licensed by the state of Maryland offering only 100% renewable energy.

Q. How is renewable energy different?

A. Renewable energy is produced from wind and solar sources. Unlike conventional electricity sources, renewable sources do not produce carbon dioxide or contribute to air pollution.

Q. What if I want to switch back?

A. You can switch back at no cost and with no interruption of service.

Q. Outside of supply charges, are there any charges or fees if I decide to switch?

A. We charge no fees to switch and no cancellation fee if you change your mind.

Q. Can I switch to clean energy if I rent my home?

A. Yes. If you currently receive and pay your electric utility bill every month on your own, then you can choose clean energy. Just sign and return the form enclosed.

Q. What if I have additional questions?

A. If you have questions or wish to be removed from our mailing list, please call us at 877-763-2503 or email us at support@cleanchoiceenergy.com.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Call (800) 203-6117 or view the enclosed details.

Find your Electric
Choice ID on the first
page, in the green
Electric Supply
section.

