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House Bill 68 -Electricity – Net Energy Metering – Accrual of Net Excess Generation (Net Metering Flexibility Act)

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) appreciates this opportunity to provide informational comments on House Bill 68 -*Electricity – Net Energy Metering – Accrual of Net Excess Generation (Net Metering Flexibility Act)*. House Bill 68 amends PUA §7-306 by adding (1) language to allow an eligible customer-generator the ability to accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period; and (2) changes the billing cycle month, from April to August, when customer-generators' accrual of net excess generation would reset if an eligible customer elected to accrue net excess generation for no more than 12 months.

While BGE remains dedicated to supporting the state's decarbonization goals and efforts to promote renewable energy sources, we are concerned the implementation of the bill will impact our ability to continue providing a superior service to our customers. In particular, the program established in the bill would start in the Fall of 2024, which does not provide sufficient time to make the necessary operational and system changes to execute the requirements of the bill. Furthermore, House Bill 68 will require significant modifications to our existing billing system. These modifications include altering the bill system logic, communicating customer facing notices, and disclosures, and designing opt-in/out functionality, etc. A high-level estimate of the cost to change our system is \$2 million.

Despite the company's support of incentivizing our customers to adopt renewable energy options, BGE has reservations related to the bill as proposed. We have shared those additional concerns with the bill sponsor, and we look forward to continuing conversations with the sponsor to address those concerns.

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.

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