

Position Statement

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House Bill 1028- Business Regulation – Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment – Regulations for Retail Use

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) offers this letter of information on *House Bill 1028- Business Regulation – Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment – Regulations for Retail Use. House Bill 1028* would require the Comptroller to adopt regulations for the retail use of electric vehicle (EV) supply equipment in the State.

Maryland has adopted a goal of 300,000 zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025 to help achieve statewide greenhouse gas reduction goals. BGE is an active partner in this effort and appreciates this bill's intent to ensure consistent reliability standards for publicly available electric vehicle charging stations across Maryland.

First, there are ongoing efforts addressing this topic, which *House Bill 1028* needs to consider and, if passed, could delay, or contradict their progress. The Maryland Public Service Commission is actively working with stakeholders on electric vehicle reliability standards¹ to address EVSE infrastructure challenges with Utility-owned chargers. In January, the Commission issued an order to define reliability standards for utility-owned electric vehicle charging stations. In response, BGE submitted a business and reliability plan that addresses those standards. Additionally, this legislation attempts to align with the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) standards, but not completely. BGE will work with the bill sponsor to ensure there is alignment with Commission standards for utility-owned electric vehicle charging stations. BGE believes it premature to establish standards that are not aligned with federal NEVI and Commission standards.

BGE is committed to helping Maryland achieve its electric vehicle goals.

¹ The Commission issued Order#90971— EV Charging Station Reliability and Reporting Standards. It also issued Order #90984 – EV Demand Charge Relief Program, which also addresses electric vehicles charging stations.

BGE, headquartered in Baltimore, is Maryland's largest gas and electric utility, delivering power to more than 1.3 million electric customers and more than 700,000 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 largest energy delivery company.