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HB 1037 / SB 909

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HB 1037 SPONSORS: Delegate Crosby

SB 909 SPONSOR: Senator Hester

**JOINTLY ASSIGNED TO: House Economic Matters Committee and
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

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COUNTY POSITION: Favorable (Department of Environmental Protection)

Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act

This legislation would establish within the Public Service Commission (PSC) an Integrated Resource Planning Office and charge that office with developing a long-term comprehensive energy forecast, scenarios and policy options for meeting the State's energy needs and climate goals while ensuring electric system reliability and cost-effectiveness. It would also require the PSC to require each electric company to develop integrated resource plans balancing ratepayer impacts, electric reliability and resilience, climate goals, and air pollution impacts.

Montgomery County is supportive of the general intent of this legislation to improve long-term energy forecasting and planning in Maryland. More comprehensive strategic planning of Maryland's complex energy system could significantly improve outcomes related to energy costs, availability, reliability, and environmental impacts.

The County predicts that implementing the valuable planning efforts described in this bill may require significant new investments in capacity at the PSC, Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), and other agencies. It may also be useful for MEA to play a more central role in the energy planning activities described.

We respectfully request that the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee issue a favorable report on House Bill 1037 / Senate Bill 909.