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TESTIMONY ON HB#1035 – FAVORABLE

Public Utilities - Electricity Generation Planning - Procurement, Permitting, and Co-Location (Next Generation Energy Act)

TO: Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and members of the Economic Matters Committee

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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1035, Public Utilities - Electricity Generation Planning - Procurement, Permitting, and Co-Location (Next Generation Energy Act)

This bill seeks to add nuclear power generation as one of the sources for electricity in Maryland under tight controls. It also adds controls on how electricity supplier or owners of generating stations seek to bypass controls over that electricity provision.

The bill accomplishes these goals by requiring the Maryland Energy Administration, in coordination with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, to pursue certain agreements with neighboring states and federal agencies related to the development of new nuclear energy generation stations. The control of the provision of electricity is provided by prohibiting an electricity supplier or other owner of a certain generating station from entering into a certain contract with a commercial or industrial customer under certain circumstances.

This bill will assist Maryland to meet goals related to how electricity is generated for use in Maryland by promotion of interstate and Federal cooperation in meeting the electricity needs. It will also treat electricity as a public good and not a private benefit for specific commercial or industrial companies.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1035.