

Support
Economic Matters Committee
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**House Bill 1417 - Department of General Services - Clean Energy Procurement
Program – Establishment**

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) supports *House Bill 1417*. *House Bill 1417* mandates the Department of General Services (DGS), in collaboration with the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee, the University System of Maryland, and the Maryland Clean Energy Center, to establish a Clean Energy Procurement Program by January 1, 2026.

This program requires DGS to issue a solicitation for procuring biogas to meet the State's transportation and building needs. Biogas, derived from resources such as farm manure and food waste, is essential for diversifying our energy sources, ensuring reliability, and reducing our carbon footprint. It can be used for electricity production, heating and cooling, industrial applications, and transportation, while also capturing methane that would otherwise contribute to Maryland's greenhouse gas emissions.

BGE is the first utility in Maryland to interconnect a biogas plant, owned and operated by Bioenergy Devco, to its gas distribution system. This plant, located on the Maryland Food Center Authority Campus in Jessup, became operational in 2022 and has demonstrated the environmental and economic benefits of biogas.

BGE acknowledges the potential of biogas to meet the State's growing energy demands and ambitious climate goals and fully supports *House Bill 1417*. We respectfully request a favorable Committee report on *House Bill 1417*.

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.

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