



Maryland Energy Administration

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

FROM: MEA

SUBJECT: SB0037 - Electric Companies - Regional Transmission Organizations - Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act)

DATE: February 13, 2025

MEA Position: FAVORABLE

Senate Bill 37 would provide increased transparency for utility companies in Maryland by requiring an annual report to be submitted to the Public Service Commission (PSC) of any vote cast at meetings of PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM).

PJM serves as the regional transmission organization responsible for planning and managing the regional electric grid. PJM serves Maryland, and 12 other states along with the District of Columbia, and is comprised of several utility companies and electricity generation facilities. PJM regularly makes decisions that strongly impact Maryland's utility rates and clean energy goals.

The Maryland Energy Administration believes that more transparency and accountability in this decision making process would benefit Maryland residents. Currently, only certain votes are disclosed to the public. Many votes cast in committees or taskforces are not disclosed, limiting public insight into a vital decision-making process and the direct impacts upon ratepayers. Requiring additional voting disclosures provides transparency into how the interests of Maryland ratepayers are being represented in decisions that can significantly affect customer utility bills and impact Maryland's clean energy transition timeline.

For these reasons, MEA urges the committee to issue a **favorable report**.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of this testimony. For questions or additional information, please contact Megan Outten at megan.outten@maryland.gov or 443.842.1780.