

Support with Amendments
Education, Energy, and Environment Committee
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Senate Bill 332 – Task Force to Study the Premature Retirement of Electricity Generation Facilities

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) supports with amendments *Senate Bill 332 – Task Force to Study the Premature Retirement of Electricity Generation Facilities*. Senate Bill 332 establishes a task force that will examine the potential risks to the reliability and stability of the electric grid impacts premature retirement of electricity generation facilities has on the energy supply for residents and businesses in the State, the cost impacts to residents and businesses, potential mitigation strategies to address economic challenges faced by electricity generating companies, and associated resource adequacy concerns.

The retirement of electricity generation facilities can result in significant resource adequacy issues, which compromises our ability to meet the growing demand for electricity, especially during peak periods. Resource adequacy is a pressing issue nation-wide and is of particular concern in Maryland. Given the limited local generation in Maryland and pending retirements of the dispatchable generation in the state, Maryland is dependent on generation imports to achieve its electric supply. Maryland currently imports 40% of its electricity from out-of-state electricity generators to meet the energy demands of residents and businesses. Ensuring that we have a reliable and resilient electric grid is paramount for the well-being of our communities and the continued economic growth of our state.

Senate Bill 332 proposes the establishment of a task force composed of members of the General Assembly, the Department of the Environment, the Public Service Commission, representatives from PJM and Reliability First Corporation, and individuals with professional expertise in the traditional power generation and renewable energy industries. BGE respectfully requests an amendment to expand the composition of the task force to include three representatives from Maryland electric companies, with a minimum of one representative from an investor-owned electric company. The expertise and insights provided by these individuals will be invaluable in developing comprehensive and effective strategies to address resource adequacy and ensure the continued reliability of our electricity grid.

BGE requests your support for inclusion of the proposed amendment and favorable report for Senate Bill 332. Recognizing the importance of addressing the premature retirement of electricity generation facilities will safeguard the reliability of our electric grid and ensure that Maryland remains well-prepared to meet future energy demands.

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.