

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 37  
**Electric Companies – Regional Transmission Organizations – Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act)**

**COMMITTEE:** Education, Energy, and the Environment

**HEARING DATE:** February 13, 2025

**SPONSOR:** Senator Hester

**POSITION:** Favorable

Chair Brian Feldman, Vice Chair Cheryl Kagen and Members of the Committee,

As a professional electric power engineer and Maryland resident concerned with the lack of transparency in PJM's decision making process I ask for a Favorable Report on SB 00 37.

Two examples of the result of PJM's opaque decision making process which hurts Marylanders are:

1. Maryland residents are already experiencing the anguish of the PSEG Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) transmission line threatening hundreds of farms, preserved land and housing developments. PJM's decision to award this contract was dropped on us like a dictate from a potentate.
2. The burdensome costs of subsidizing the Wagner and Brandon Shores coal fired power plants

This Act simply stipulates greater transparency deeper into the PJM bureaucracy. A simple recording of votes and communication of same every February 1 will allow elected officials and the public can have a greater understanding of who is making what decisions and why.

Please return a Favorable report.

Thank you

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