

Favorable with Amendments
Environment and Transportation
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House Bill 897 – Maryland Department of Transportation – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Expansion – Plans and Programs

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) supports with amendments *House Bill 897 – Maryland Department of Transportation – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Expansion – Plans and Programs*. House Bill 897 requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), to make certain estimations and determinations regarding electric vehicles (EVs) and electric vehicle charging infrastructure to develop plans and implement programs to increase EVs and charging infrastructure in the State.

BGE supports Maryland's climate goals and recognizes that expanding vehicle electrification is an essential component of achieving net zero emissions by 2045. In fact, BGE created an EVsmart[®] program to help accelerate the deployment and availability of public charging stations throughout the BGE service territory. We've become one of the largest EV charging networks in Maryland, accounting for 9% of the total available ports and 21% of the charging stations serving Maryland. To date, 368 chargers have been commissioned where the private market was less likely to install, and 92 chargers have been strategically placed in Environmental Justice communities. BGE continues to see an increase in the utilization rate of its EV chargers – a 68% increase in 2024 compared to 2023.

Given our support and direct involvement with accelerating the deployment of EV chargers to help increase EV use in the state, BGE believes we can provide subject matter expertise to support the goal of expanding EV charging infrastructure as presented in House Bill 897. BGE respectfully requests an amendment to include electric companies to assist with estimations and determinations regarding EVs and EV charging infrastructure. BGE remains committed to sharing expertise and to implementing EV programs to achieve Maryland's climate goals.

BGE supports House Bill 897 with amendments and urges a favorable report. We look forward to continued conversations with the bill sponsors and the Committee.

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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