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Re: SB 584: Favorable

Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee

My name is Patti von Paris, my husband John and I are here in support of Senate Bill 584.

We are lifelong residents of Upper Falls, Maryland. BGE's high voltage power lines run next to our home.

We learned about the BGE-Brandon Shores Project in February 2024 when we received a letter addressed to "BGE Customer or Current Resident" stating plans to retire the power plant, upgrade substations, build a new substation, and modify 35 miles of transmission lines.

In late March 2024, a second letter arrived repeating the same information including the modification of 35 miles transmission lines. BGE also invited us to a community meeting on April 8, 2024 which they abruptly canceled.

In July 2024, we received another letter informing us that BGE filed a CPCN (Case #9748), but the letter did not include information about our rights to intervene or how to register to intervene, or the deadline to intervene.

The last letter received in March 2025 and arriving seven months past the deadline to intervene, BGE informed us of a permit application for construction of a new 29-mile, 230 kV transmission line.

They are adding 29 miles of transmission lines rather than modifying the existing 35 miles of transmission lines.

The prior letters indicate modification of transmission lines when in fact, all along they intended to do a major construction project by adding yet another transmission line.

BGE intentionally misled the public by withholding critical project details until after the intervention deadline, leaving landowners uninformed and without a voice.

We were never informed of our rights to intervene via direct mail. An advertisement placed in a newspaper is simply erroneous.

This system is broken and needs to be fixed.

I urge a favorable report for SB584.

