



Position Statement

Favorable
Environment and Transportation
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House Bill 833 – Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland – Reestablishment

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) supports *House Bill 833 – Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland – Reestablishment*. *House Bill 833* would re-establish the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety and would require the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2027.

Energy storage is an essential part of BGE's commitment to supporting Maryland's clean-energy goals and strengthening the resilience of the electric grid. Storage technologies help integrate distributed renewable energy, enhance grid reliability, improve system efficiency to reduce costs for customers, and support economic development across Maryland.

Re-establishing the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety will bring together the necessary stakeholders to ensure that the rapid growth in battery use occurs safely, incorporates best practices, and reflects lessons learned as Maryland transitions to cleaner energy resources.

BGE has already completed two battery energy storage projects in Chesapeake Beach, which have improved reliability in southern Anne Arundel County and parts of Calvert County under Maryland's Energy Storage Pilot Project Act. These facilities support customers during peak winter demand and demonstrate the valuable role that storage can play in our energy system.

BGE appreciates the bill's inclusion of a public utility representative on the Commission, which will help ensure that operational expertise and customer needs inform the Commission's work. We also look forward to continued collaboration with local communities and emergency management partners to educate customers about both the benefits of battery storage and the safety measures that accompany these technologies.

For these reasons, BGE respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 833.

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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