

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 7

Resolution No. 21-25

Councilmembers Marks & Kach

By the County Council, April 7, 2025

A RESOLUTION of the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland ~~strongly opposing the construction of overhead transmission lines for the Brandon Shores Retirement Mitigation Project~~ urging all land titling issues to be resolved before active work begins on the Brandon Shores Retirement Mitigation Project, including modification of the 150-foot-wide right-of-way set aside for the Susquehanna Transmission Company for “the erection and maintenance of an electrical transmission line”.

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2024, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE”) filed an application (the “application”) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for authority to construct the Brandon Shores Retirement Mitigation Project, including modification and construction of overhead transmission lines that exceed 69kV in Harford, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel Counties in Maryland (the “project”); and

WHEREAS, not more than one month after BGE filed the application, the Council unanimously passed Resolution 37-24, which encouraged BGE to lessen the impacts of the project on affected communities and residential neighborhoods to the greatest extent possible, and to bury transmission lines underground where feasible, especially in park land and in rural areas that could act as wildfire corridors, particularly those that lack public water to extinguish potential fires; and

WHEREAS, the Council made this request because it was anticipated that the transmission

line path proposed by BGE for the project would run through historic neighborhoods or environmentally sensitive areas that should be protected, as well as communities where overhead transmission lines could adversely affect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 37-24 was meant to alert BGE to Council's concerns, including (1) habitat loss and soil erosion into the Critical Bay area and the Little and Big Gunpowder Rivers; (2) potential increases in wildfire risk due to overhead transmission lines running through forested areas; and (3) preservation of historic sites and landmarks; and

~~WHEREAS, it is clear that BGE has not made any effort to change the project to accommodate the Council's request and concerns; and~~

WHEREAS, in accordance with State law, the Public Utility Law Judge's Notice of Evening Public Comment Hearings has scheduled a public comment hearing in Baltimore County on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., to be held at the White Marsh Fire Hall, 10331 Philadelphia Road, White Marsh, MD 21162; and

~~WHEREAS, the Council desires to voice its unequivocal disappointment that BGE has seemingly made no effort to explore the undergrounding of the proposed transmission lines through populated parts of rural communities or to address the environmental or historical concerns of the Council or affected County residents; now therefore~~

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND that the County Council ~~strongly opposes the construction of overhead transmission lines for the Brandon Shores Retirement Mitigation Project; and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Baltimore County Council encourages members of the affected communities and interested County residents to join the Council in voicing its opposition at the public comment hearing on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at the White~~

Marsh Fire Hall, 10331 Philadelphia Road, White Marsh, MD 21162 urges all land titling issues to be resolved before active work begins on the Brandon Shores Retirement Mitigation Project, including modification of the 150-foot-wide right-of-way set aside for the Susquehanna Transmission Company for “the erection and maintenance of an electrical transmission line”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to representatives of BGE, the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel, and the Maryland Public Service Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.



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