



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: City Council Bill #19-0179R**  
**Informational Hearing – BGE Planned Power Outages**

The Baltimore Police Department has reviewed City Council Bill #19-0179R which has been introduced for the purpose of inviting representatives from BGE, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore Police Department, the Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety, the Department of Public Works, the Baltimore City Fire Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to discuss protocols and best practices for planned power outages.

Thank you for allowing the Baltimore Police Department to comment on City Council Bill #19-0179R. We are eager to coordinate with all of the agencies named in the resolution to develop strong, thoughtful protocols to ensure that the public is aware of planned power outages. Proper notice can mitigate the amount of safety hazards that are likely to develop as a result of such outages by allowing our residents and our agencies to plan appropriately.

BPD has **no objection** to City Council Resolution 19-0179R.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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