

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL 25-0024R**  
**(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Conway and President Cohen  
Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos, and Schleifer  
Introduced and read first time: April 28, 2025  
Assigned to: Committee on Legislative Investigations  

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: None

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Public Safety, Ratepayer Impact, and Oversight Failures in**  
3 **Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Line Inspections**

4 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company  
5 (“BGE”) and the Maryland Public Service Commission (“PSC”) to appear before the City  
6 Council to provide testimony and documentation regarding oversight failures in BGE gas  
7 infrastructure inspections.

8 **Recitals**

9 **WHEREAS**, BGE has stated on multiple occasions, including in a hearing before the City  
10 Council Committee on Legislative Investigations on February 20, 2025, that multi-year rate  
11 plans, STRIDE, and other accelerated cost recovery mechanisms are necessary to provide safe  
12 gas infrastructure.

13 **WHEREAS**, on December 23, 2024, a group of former BGE employees filed a petition with  
14 the PSC with accusations of fraud and mismanagement by BGE related to gas infrastructure  
15 inspections.

16 **WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2025, the PSC Engineering Division issued a report in response to  
17 this petition which stated that, “BGE has not adequately demonstrated that it took affirmative  
18 actions to validate the safety and compliance of affected assets”, and furthermore, that “the  
19 acknowledged pattern of falsification of records suggests a non-trivial violation of inspection  
20 integrity and safety protocols, increasing the potential for risks to the gas distribution system and  
21 public safety”.

22 **WHEREAS**, the safety of Baltimore residents depends on the integrity of public infrastructure  
23 systems, including gas pipelines, which are subject to State-regulated inspections.

24 **WHEREAS**, the City Council is invested in public safety, ratepayer protection, and the  
25 integrity of services delivered within Baltimore City, particularly where infrastructure may pose  
26 life-threatening risks to neighborhoods, schools, and businesses.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

## **Council Bill 24-0025R**

1       **WHEREAS**, the City Council has a duty to ensure that residents are not unknowingly exposed  
2 to unverified or unsafe gas systems.

3       **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Public Service Commission has a mission to “ensure safe, reliable,  
4 and economic public utility and transportation service to the citizens of Maryland”, and is  
5 responsible for effective oversight.

6       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City  
7 Council invites representatives from BGE and the PSC to provide testimony and documentation  
8 regarding the investigation of falsified gas line inspection reports, abatement of any safety risks  
9 to residents, and any financial implications for Baltimore ratepayers.

10       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the CEO of the  
11 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the CEO of the Exelon Corporation, the Chair and  
12 Members of the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Governor's Legislative Liaison to the  
13 City Council, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.