

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0229R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Stokes, Porter, Cohen, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton,
Torrence, Bullock

Introduced and read first time: August 26, 2024

Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community
Development, Department of Real Estate, Mayor's Office

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Baltimore Gas and Electric Company – Outages**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the leadership of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and its parent
4 company, the Exelon Corporation, to come before the Baltimore City Council to address the
5 frequent non-weather-related power outages across the City this summer, and to: (1) present
6 the results of BGE's Resiliency Study, conducted after the fourth such outage; (2) present
7 their plan for long-term resolution of this problem and others like it; (3) explain the lack of
8 accurate and efficient communication with residents and Councilmembers about the status of
9 these outages; (4) explain the process by which residents may make claims for any damages
10 sustained to their homes or personal property, including lost food, during these outages; and
11 (5) explain the process by which residents may ask for discounts on their BGE bills for the
12 lack of power during these non-weather-related outages.

13 **Recitals**

14 The Harwood and Charles Village communities, and several others across the City, have
15 experienced frequent non-weather-related power outages over the course of this summer.

16 In Harwood and Charles Village, there were 6 outages in 5 weeks, spanning between 4 and
17 10 hours during each occurrence.

18 During these outages, many residents needed to relocate due to the heat, lost hundreds of
19 dollars on spoiled food, and experienced damage to their homes.

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
2 Council invites the leadership of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and its parent company,
3 the Exelon Corporation, to come before the Baltimore City Council to address the frequent non-
4 weather-related power outages across the City this summer, and to: (1) present the results of
5 BGE’s Resiliency Study, conducted after the fourth such outage; (2) present their plan for long-
6 term resolution of this problem and others like it; (3) explain the lack of accurate and efficient
7 communication with residents and Councilmembers about the status of these outages; (4) explain
8 the process by which residents may make claims for any damages sustained to their homes or
9 personal property, including lost food, during these outages; and (5) explain the process by which
10 residents may ask for discounts on their BGE bills for the lack of power during these
11 non-weather-related outages.

12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the leadership of
13 the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the leadership of the Exelon Corporation, and the
14 Mayor’s legislative liaison to the City Council.