CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0012R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: President Cohen
Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Jones, Glover, Ramos, Schleifer, and Blanchard
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Request for State Action – End the Multi-Year Rate Plan (MRP) Pilot and Cancel the Planned 2026 Baltimore Gas and Electric Distribution Rate Increase

FOR the purpose of calling on the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) to end its Muti-Year Rate Plan Pilot, and to invoke the "off-ramp" provision to cancel the planned 2026 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) gas and electric distribution rate increases.

Recitals

WHEREAS, according to research from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel (OPC), low-income Baltimore City residents have among the highest home energy cost burdens in the United States.

WHEREAS, BGE residential terminations increased by 36.7% from 2019 to 2023.

WHEREAS, analysis by OPC in its February 2025 "Maryland Gas Utility Spending Report" predicts that if BGE continues its current level of capital investment, residential customers' average winter bills will increase from an average of $240 per month in 2022-2024 to $402 per month in 2035, a 67 percent increase, and $498 per month by 2050, a 107 percent increase.

WHEREAS, BGE's gas distribution rates have increased by 50% since the start of the start of BGE's first multi-year rate plan.

WHEREAS, PSC Order No. 90948 discusses the possibility of invoking an "off-ramp" for BGE's multi-year rate plan, "in the event of extraordinary circumstances that call into question whether the existing rates are just and reasonable."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the Baltimore City Council calls on the Maryland Public Service Commission to end its Muti-Year Rate Plan Pilot and invoke the "off-ramp" provision to cancel the planned 2026 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) gas and electric distribution rate increases.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chair and Commissioners of the Maryland Public Service Commission, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Exelon Corporation, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the Baltimore City delegation to the Maryland General Assembly, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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