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To:

Honorable President Scott, Chairman Henry, and Members of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400, City Hall

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1201 E. Cold Spring Lane, Basement Level – Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 2

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RE:

Council Bill 19-0179R

Please find the following report for City Council Bill 19-0179R. The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management will be present at the hearing on the 25th to discuss MOEM's roles as a liaison to BGE, including fulfilling any requests for assistance that may be related to power outages, including planned power outages by BGE.

Thank you for your time, support, and consideration.

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Honorable Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young

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The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM) is responsible for ensuring the City of Baltimore is prepared for emergencies, disasters, and special events. MOEM has a number of means to achieve this goal, including maintaining and promulgating several strategic level plans like the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); staffing a 24/7/365 Duty Officer Program for on scene coordination and support during major incidents, special events, and disasters; community outreach to encourage and ensure resilience and preparedness among the citizens of Baltimore; and liaising with private and private-non-profit partners such as BGE.



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MOEM has a strong relationship with BGE and our assigned BGE liaisons, Jay Bennett and Faviola Donato-Galindo. They are always available to answer questions about on-going outages and service impacts, and to coordinate with MOEM on assisting impacted citizens in various ways.

Apart from remote coordination with our BGE liaisons, MOEM Duty Officers sent to the scene of BGE outages or other incidents / impacts coordinate with BGE on scene. This is the other most likely way that MOEM works with BGE towards mitigation of outage impacts on citizens.

However, regarding the particular topic of this hearing, BGE currently does not have MOEM on any standard alert or communication list or system regarding planned outages. It is MOEM's understanding that currently BGE alerts the local councilman or councilwoman as well as the local police district to mitigate the impact. MOEM will work with BGE to be added to their planned outage alerts.

MOEM looks forward to continued partnership with BGE, and appreciates the Council and Mayor Young's leadership in finding any additional ways to help the citizens of Baltimore.