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CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL R (Resolution)

Introduced by: President Young

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning Informational Hearing - BaltiMeter Installation

FOR the purpose of calling on representatives from the Department of Public Works to appear before the City Council to discuss the progress of the BaltiMeter Project, and answer questions about the inspection of installed meters and plans for addressing any problems that may arise with the new meters.

Recitals

The Department of Public Works BaltiMeter Project to the installation of new electronic meters for all water customers to is nearing completion for residential accounts within Baltimore City. More than 140,000 new water meters have already been installed, and all but a few thousand residential customers in the City should have the meters by the end of October.

As this stage of the project winds down, important questions remain about the division of responsibility between the City and its contractors. For instance, it is not clear who, if anyone, is responsible for inspecting meter installations after the fact to ensure that they have been done correctly. It is also not clear who is responsible if something goes wrong with the meters under various scenarios.

On a project with a reported cost of more than \$145 million, it is vital that Baltimore's residents receive through answers to these questions and others that have arisen as the BaltiMeter project proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council calls on representatives from the Department of Public Works to appear before it to discuss the progress of the BaltiMeter Project, and answer questions about the inspection of installed meters

and plans for addressing any problems that may arise with the new meters.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Public Works, and the Mayor s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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