


**Howard County**
Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. 140 – 2020 authorizing the County Executive to grant easements to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company so that BGE may place equipment on poles owned and maintained by BGE, in three locations in Ellicott City; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easements if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

To: Lonnie R. Robbins,
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Thomas J. Meunier, Director
Department of Public Works

Date: September 1, 2020

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The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony declaring that the County is the fee simple owner of the property where the poles and wire is planned to cross County property.

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) is relocating equipment out of the stream in Ellicott City and has requested permission to enter upon and use a portion of the County property, containing approximately 0.0166 acres for the sole purpose of installing and maintaining equipment. The location of the easements are as follows:

- A proposed guy pole to be located at the rear of 8267, shown in Exhibit B
- A proposed anchor and relocated pole to be located at 3726 Old Columbia Pike, shown in Exhibit C
- A head guy wire between 3726 Old Columbia Pike and 8267 Main Street that will run across a portion of County property, located at TX 25A and Parcel 263, which will also run across private property, shown in Exhibit D

The Department of Public Works has reviewed and approved the proposed easement.

Section 4.201, "Disposition of Real Property," of the Howard County Code authorizes the County Council to declare that property is no longer needed for public purposes and also authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual conveyance of real property upon the request of the County Executive.

The County Council has received a request from the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the grant of the Easement to BGE.

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

cc: Jennifer Sager
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