



Howard County
Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. ___ - 2022, authorizing the County Executive to grant easements to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company so that BGE may extend three phase electric service to the new Howard County brine facility located on Old Annapolis Road; 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: August 24, 2022

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to the above referenced Council Resolution that provides for the conveyance of an easement to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) located on County property shown as Parcels 399 and 408 on Tax Map 30.

The County recently completed construction of the Old Annapolis Brine Facility (Brine Facility) on Parcel 408. The new Brine Facility requires three-phase electric service and Parcel 408 is currently served by single-phase electric service. BGE requires an easement on County property to provide the additional electric service to meet the load requirements of the new Brine Facility. The easement allows BGE to enter upon and use a portion of the County property, containing 1,579 square feet or 0.0362 acres ± of Parcel 399 and 1,372 square feet or 0.0315 acres ± of Parcel 408 for the purpose of installing and maintaining electric equipment. A description of the easement areas are as follows:

- The existing underground electric cables and a transformer located on Parcel 399.
- New underground electric cables from the transformer on Parcel 399 to the Brine Facility on Parcel 408.

The Department of Public 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 the property is no longer needed for public purposes and 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 easements to BGE.

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The fiscal impact to the County is the cost of the installation of the three-phase electric service to the serve the Brine Facility, which is estimated to be approximately \$40,000.00 and will be paid from C-0317-FY2013 Systemic Facility Improvements.

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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