




Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. -2023 authorizing the County Executive to grant utility easements to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company so that BGE may replace and relocate poles and other equipment to be owned and maintained by BGE on property owned by the County 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: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Yosef Kebede, Director
Department of Public Works 

Date: May 24, 2023

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony declaring that the County is the fee simple owner of the properties where poles, overhead wire, and other equipment are proposed for installation on County properties.

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) is relocating and replacing equipment adjacent to Frederick Road in Ellicott City and has requested permission to enter upon and use a portion of County owned properties containing a total of approximately 0.210 acres for the sole purpose of installing and maintaining equipment. The description of the easements are as follows:

- "BGE Utility Easement" containing 4,616 sq. ft. or 0.1060 acres of land on Tax Map 24, Parcel 249.
- "BGE Utility Easement" containing 4,525 sq. ft. or 0.1039 acres of land on Tax Map 25B, Parcel 221.

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.

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The fiscal impact to the County is the payment of Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$11,600.00) by BGE, for the appraised value of the two easements. The cost of the appraisal of the easements was Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

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.

JS/eai

cc: Jennifer Sager

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