County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2012 Legislative Session Legislative day #_____

RESOLUTION NO. _134_ - 2012

Introduced by: Courtney Watson

Cosponsored by Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

A RESOLUTION requesting the Public Service Commission of Maryland investigate the reliability of the electric power supply for certain areas in Howard County and require electrical utility providers doing business in Howard County to disclose outage information to Howard County after 24 hours; and directing certain other actions by certain County officials.

Introduced and read first time on _____, 2012

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on _____, 2012

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted__, Adopted with amendments__, Failed__, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on _____, 2012.

Certified by_____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

WHEREAS, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) is a public service company licensed by the Public Service Commission (PSC) to conduct business in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-102 of the Public Utility Companies Article of the Maryland Code requires the PSC to conduct an investigation into the reliability of the electric power supply on complaint filed by the legislative body of a county in which an electric company is authorized to operate; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-102 of the Public Utilities Article also requires the PSC to conduct an investigation into the reliability of the electric power supply on complaint filed by not less than 100 customers of the electric company; and

WHEREAS, ***Reliability4HOCO*** filed a complaint dated February 22, 2012 with the PSC against BGE about the reliability of electric service in the neighborhoods of Font Hill, Little Patuxent Ridge, Dunmore Woods, Gwyn Acres, Dunloggin, Beaverbrook, Valley Mede, Sebring, Dalton, Green Henge, Clarksville Ridge, Turf Valley Road, Normandy Heights, The Oaks, Forest Hill Drive, Bethgate, and Worthington; and

WHEREAS, On April 12, 2012, the PSC docketed the complaint filed by ***Reliability4HOCO*** against BGE as Case No. 9291;

WHEREAS, The complaint filed by ***Reliability4HOCO*** also asserted that other neighborhoods in Howard County experience problems with reliability of electric service provided by BGE; and

WHEREAS, The County Council, as the legislative body for Howard County, finds that the neighborhoods of Braeburn, Burleigh Manor, Columbia, Columbia Hills, Dunloggin, Hammond Village, Historic Ellicott City, Hollifield, Laurel, Pleasant Chase, Ridgley's Run, The Oaks, Turf Valley Legends, Turf Valley Vistas and Worthington as specified in Exhibit A to this

Resolution experience reliability problems with electric service provided by BGE; and

WHEREAS, The County Council intends that this Resolution constitutes a new complaint for purposes of Section 3-102 of the Public Utility Companies Article to require the PSC to conduct an investigation of the reliability of electric power supply at the behest of the legislative body of Howard County; and

WHEREAS, Howard County is charged with important public health, safety and welfare responsibilities for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sustained power outages of more than 24 hours duration are a threat to public health, safety and welfare, and especially a threat to the well-being of the senior population and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, During sustained power outages of more than 24 hours, the ability of Howard County to meet the emergency needs of its citizens, and especially the needs of the senior population and persons with disabilities, is compromised absent timely information of the affected locations; and

WHEREAS, electrical utility providers doing business in Howard County are able to identify the locations of sustained power outages of more than 24 hours in duration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2012, that the Howard County Council requests that the PSC investigate the reliability of the electric power supply provided by BGE in the neighborhoods of Braeburn, Burleigh Manor, Columbia, Columbia Hills, Dunloggin, Hammond Village, Historic Ellicott City, Hollifield, Laurel, Pleasant Chase, Ridgeley's Run, The Oaks, Turf Valley Legends, Turf Valley Vistas and Worthington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the Howard County Council requests that the PSC direct its staff or an independent consultant selected by PSC staff and paid for by BGE to conduct an investigation of the reliability of the feeder systems that serve the neighborhoods of Braeburn, Burleigh Manor, Columbia, Columbia Hills, Dunloggin, Hammond Village, Historic Ellicott City, Hollifield, Laurel, Pleasant Chase, Ridgeley's Run, The Oaks, Turf Valley Legends, Turf Valley Vistas and Worthington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Council requests that the PSC consolidate the complaint of the County Council with Case No. 9291 to the extent that consolidation would not unreasonably delay Case No. 9291.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Administrator of the Howard County Council shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Executive Director of the PSC in order to have an investigation begin promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the County Solicitor is directed to take all actions necessary to pursue the complaint of the County Council with the PSC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the County Council requests that the PSC require utility providers in Howard County to provide to the County Executive and to the County Council detailed information of power outages after 24 hours, to include a complete list of addresses reporting outages that have not had power restored.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Administrator of the Howard County Council shall send a copy of this Resolution to the

President and Chief Executive Officer of BGE and to the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of BGE.

Exhibit A to Resolution No. -2012

Braeburn, Columbia 21044

6400 block of Lochridge Road

Burleigh Manor, Ellicott City 21042

10000 block of Inkpen Place

10000 block of Camelford Court

Columbia 21045

9400 block of Dartmouth Road

Columbia 21046

6200, 6300 blocks of Carlinda Avenue

6300 block of Amherst Avenue

9600 block of Green Moon Path

Columbia Hills, Ellicott City 21043

4600 block of Clydesdale

4600 block of Dapple Court

4600 block of S. Leisure Court

9100, 9200 block of Winding Way

9200 block of Spring Valley Road

9100 block of Sybert Court

4600 block of Dower Court

Dower Drive

W. Hill Road

Parkvale Road

Dunloggin 21012

Chatham Road

Hammond Village 20723

7900 block of Helmart Drive

8000 block of Nicky Court

Historic Ellicott City 21043

3400 block of Deanwood Avenue

Hollifield, Ellicott City 21043

2700 block of Millers Way Drive

Laurel 20723

10100 block of Stansfield Road

Pleasant Chase, Jessup 20723

Pleasant Chase Road

Wades Way

Woodmar Lane

Oakmead Way

Chow Lane

Summit Hill Way

The Oaks, Ellicott City 21043

3100 block of The Oaks Road

Edgewood Road

Ridgeley's Run, Jessup 20794

Mission Road

Turf Valley, Ellicott City 21042

2600 block of Golf Island Road

2700 block of Wedge Court

2900 block of Blowing Rock Court

3100 block of Evergreen Way

2600 block of Legends Way

Worthington, Ellicott City 21043

4500, 4600, 4700 block of Round Hill Road

4600 block of Terry Drive

4700 block of Gawain Drive

4800 block of Rolling Top Road

4800 block of Ellicott Woods Lane

4600 block of Autumn Woods Way

4600 block of Shelley Lane

7900 block of Nottingham Way

4700, 4800 block of Carmen Drive

8100 of Elberta Drive

8100 block of Woodview Road

4900 block of Worthington Way

4600 block of Huntley Drive