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## **Maryland PSC to Hold Public Hearings on BGE's Proposed Transmission Line Upgrades Related to Coal Plant Retirements**

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on the application by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) to construct new overhead transmission line segments and upgrade other existing lines to a higher voltage. In its application, BGE says the Brandon Shores Retirement Mitigation Project involves modifying and constructing overhead transmission lines that cross Harford, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel counties.

According to BGE, the work is needed to resolve widespread, severe thermal and voltage violations that grid operator PJM Interconnection, LLC has identified will result from the announced planned retirement of Talen Energy's coal-fired Brandon Shores Generating Station Units 1 and 2 located in Anne Arundel County.

Three hearings are scheduled as follows before Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace:

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

North Harford High School Auditorium  
211 Pylesville Road in Pylesville (Harford County)

**Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

Northeast High School Auditorium  
1121 Duvall Highway in Pasadena (Anne Arundel County)

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

White Marsh Fire Hall  
10331 Philadelphia Road in White Marsh (Baltimore County)

In July 2024, BGE applied to the Maryland Public Service Commission for what is known as a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), which grants an applicant the authority to construct a high-voltage (greater than 69kV) transmission line in Maryland. According to the application, BGE's work includes:

- (1) upgrading an existing 230kV overhead transmission line to a 500kV overhead transmission line extending from the Maryland-Pennsylvania border southwest to BGE's Graceton Substation located in Harford County;
- (2) the connection of an existing 500kV overhead transmission line and modification of the terminal of an existing 230kV line to the Graceton Substation;
- (3) constructing a new 230kV overhead transmission line on existing BGE right of way from BGE's Graceton Substation south-southwest to a new BGE Batavia Substation in Baltimore County;
- (4) reconductoring an existing 230kV overhead transmission line from the new Batavia Substation south to BGE's existing Riverside Substation in Baltimore County and the installation of overhead transmission lines to connect to the new Batavia Substation; and
- (5) installing overhead transmission line connections for a new Solley Road Substation in Anne Arundel County. BGE notes that all project segments will utilize its existing rights-of-way or easements to the extent possible.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent **(by May 1, 2025)** electronically through the Commission's online portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>, or by mail. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9748](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Norrisville and Fallston branches of the Harford County Public Library; the North Point and Perry Hall branches of the Baltimore County Public Library; and the Riviera Beach Branch of the Anne Arundel County Public Library.

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