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Second Public Hearing Sept. 28 for BGE Transmission Line Project

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Baltimore, MD – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a second virtual public comment hearing on Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's request to rebuild a 20-mile transmission line segment spanning northern Harford County and northern Baltimore County. Members of the public are welcome to take part in the hearing which is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence will preside. The first public comment hearing was held on May 20, 2021.

According to BGE's application, the project consists of replacing the existing 115 kV overhead transmission lines and lattice poles, with a new line mounted on weathering steel poles. The line is located in the northeastern section of BGE's electric distribution service territory and runs from BGE's Five Forks Substation, located in northern Harford County (near MD 136 and MD 24 in Pylesville), to the vicinity of BGE's Windy Edge Substation, located in northern Baltimore County (near Harford Road and Northwind Road in Parkville). According to BGE, the project is necessary to address ongoing reliability issues with the existing line segment.

The hearing will begin with a presentation of the project by BGE, followed by brief statements from the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; the Maryland Office of People's Counsel; and the Commission's Technical Staff on any recommendations regarding the project.

Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing can sign up by sending an email to <u>psc.pulj@gmail.com</u> by 12 noon on September 27, 2021. The hearing will be held on the Webex platform and participants will receive an email with the link to join in. The hearing will be simultaneously livestreamed on the Public Utility Law Judge's YouTube channel: <u>https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP</u>

In addition to the hearings, written comments can be submitted electronically through the Commission's online portal at <u>https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/</u> Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. All comments should be sent by **November 15, 2021** and should reference Case No. <u>9658</u>. In addition to the Commission's website, the application is available for public inspection in a black mailbox labeled 'BGE CPCN' adjacent to the front door of BGE's White Marsh training facility, located at 11350 Pulaski Highway.

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