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Position Statement

SUPPORT HB 1233

Environment & Transportation

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State Vehicle Fleet - Conversion to Zero-Emission Electric Vehicles

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) supports *HB 1233: State Vehicle Fleet - Conversion to Zero-Emission Electric Vehicles*. This legislation would help to facilitate the adoption of a zero-emission fleet in Maryland. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2022, this legislation would prohibit the state from purchasing or leasing vehicles for the State vehicle fleet, unless the vehicles are zero-emission electric vehicles.

This legislation is consistent with Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction goals. In 2013, along with nine other states, Maryland signed a memorandum of understanding on state Zero-Emission Vehicle programs. At that time, Maryland adopted a goal of 300,000 zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025. Studies show that to meet this goal, approximately 125,000 electric vehicles (EVs) would need to be added to BGE's service territory and about 27,000 charging stations would be needed.

Accordingly, BGE launched its EVsmart Program, which fits into this directive and will propel progress on Maryland's Air Quality and Chesapeake Bay goals. Under EVsmart, in addition to consumer education programs, BGE plans to install 500 public access charging stations. In addition, BGE's EVsmart program would help to mitigate the costs of implementing House Bill 1233, because the program incentivizes the installation of charging infrastructure at 1,700 residential and multi-unit dwelling properties.

BGE is committed to partnering with Maryland to achieve its electric vehicle goals. Accordingly, we support House Bill 1233, and respectfully request a favorable committee report.