



SENATE BILL 392 – ELECTRICITY AND GAS – LIMITED-INCOME MECHANISMS

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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NRG Energy, Inc. (“NRG”) submits these comments in **support of SB 392 – Electricity and Gas – Limited Income Mechanisms.**

NRG is a Fortune 500 company, delivering customer focused solutions for managing electricity, while enhancing energy choice and working towards a sustainable energy future. We put customers at the center of everything we do. We create value by generating electricity and serving more than 6 million residential, commercial and industrial customers through our portfolio of retail electricity brands – including here in Maryland, where NRG owns several companies that are licensed by the Public Service Commission to serve retail customers.

NRG supports SB 392 because it provides additional support to eligible low-income customers who require assistance. In providing that additional support, NRG recommends that the Committee ensure that customers who participate in the new program retain their assistance benefits when they exercise their right to choose their energy supplier. NRG proposes that the bill be modified as follows:

Page 3, line 33, after “SOURCE”. Add: “(1) AN ELIGIBLE LIMITED-INCOME CUSTOMER WHO PARTICIPATES IN A MECHANISM UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE PROHIBITED FROM EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRICITY OR NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER.”

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective on SB 392 and for the above reasons and with the adoption of the proposed amendment, NRG urges the Committee give the bill a **favorable** report.

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