

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 3/23/99

**Reference No.:** CR-5-1999

**Proposer:** Estepp, Hendershot, Russell, Scott, Wilson

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** Estepp, Hendershot, Russell, Scott, Wilson

**Item Title:** A Resolution advising the Prince George's County  
Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly of the  
Prince George's County Council's concerns about electric  
utility deregulation in Maryland

**Drafter:** Craig S. Price  
Deputy Council Administrator and  
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Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** Michael Sanderson  
Legislative Director  
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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:**     \_\_/\_\_/\_\_  
**Committee Referral:** 3/23/99   PSFM  
**Committee Action:**     \_\_/\_\_/\_\_  
**Date Introduced:**       3/23/99  
**Pub. Hearing Date:**     \_\_/\_\_/\_\_   \_\_:\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_  
**Effective Date:**    \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Council Action:**         3/23/99   ADOPTED  
**Council Votes:** JE:A, DB:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, RVR:A, PS:A, AS:A, MW:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

3/23/99: Rules suspended

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

This Resolution is for the purpose of advising the Prince George's County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly of the Council's concerns regarding electric utility deregulation in Maryland.

The Maryland General Assembly is considering several bills which will deregulate Maryland's electric utility industry. There are at least 13 bills currently pending before the legislature addressing this issue. They generally fall into two categories; one addresses the issue of deregulation and the other addresses the issue of tax reform of the State's gross receipts tax on electric utilities as well as the restructuring of personal taxes for electric generation equipment.

Depending on the approach taken by the Maryland General Assembly, particularly with reference to the issue of tax restructuring, the result could be a decrease in County revenues.

#### **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**