

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-048-2025

Proposed by Council Member Blegay

Introduced by Council Members Blegay, Ivey, Hawkins, Dernoga, Fisher, Oriadha,
Burroughs, Olson, Watson and Harrison

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 29, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Request for State Action from the Maryland Public Service Commission and electric utility
3 companies from increasing distribution rates

4 For the purpose of calling on the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) to end its Multi-
5 Year Rate Plan Pilot and invoke the “off-ramp” provision to cancel the planned 2026 Baltimore
6 Gas and Electric Company (BGE) gas and electric distribution rate increases, as well as calling
7 on Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) to pause future proposals for electric distribution
8 rates increases until its just and reasonable.

9 WHEREAS, The Maryland PSC is tasked with overseeing and approving rate increases by
10 electric utility companies such as BGE and PEPCO; and

11 WHEREAS, BGE and PEPCO serve the majority of residents in Prince George’s County;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, an analysis by the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel (OPC) in its February
14 2025 *Maryland Gas Utility Spending Report* predicts that if BGE continues its current level of
15 capital investment, residential customers’ average winter bills will increase from an average of
16 \$240 per month from 2022–24 to \$402 per month in 2035, a sixty-seven percent (67%) increase,
17 and \$498 per month by 2050, a one hundred and seven percent (107%) increase,

18 WHEREAS, PSC Order No. 90948 discusses the possibility of invoking an “off-ramp” for
19 BGE’s multi-year rate plan, “in the event of extraordinary circumstances that call into question
20 whether the existing rates are just and reasonable”; and

21 WHEREAS, a bulletin report from OPC titled, *In a Win for Customers, State Regulators*

1 *Reject Pepco Plan for Three Years of Rate Increases*, estimates that the latest PEPCO increase
2 granted in 2024 by the PSC amounted to an estimated \$44,000,000; and

3 WHEREAS, PEPCO also proposed additional increases that would have amounted to an
4 estimated \$213,000,000 over the course of three years, which PSC denied; and

5 WHEREAS, PEPCO's website estimates that they service approximately 894,000 residents
6 in the Washington D.C., area and the adjacent counties; and

7 WHEREAS, PEPCO's website estimates 582,000 of those residents reside within Prince
8 George's County; and

9 WHEREAS, the County's residents are more than half the residents that PEPCO serves,
10 and bear most of the residential costs that go towards the \$44,000,000 estimated rate increases;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, according to EnergySage, an organization supported by the U.S Department of
13 Energy, Prince George's County residents already pay thirty-eight percent (38%) higher
14 electrical bills compared to the national average.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
16 County, Maryland, that Prince George's County Council calls on PSC to end its Multi-Year Rate
17 Plan Pilot.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PSC invoke the "off-ramp" provision to cancel the
19 planned increases by BGE.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PEPCO should cease any current and future rate
21 increases until its reasonable and just.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chair and
23 Commissioners of the Maryland Public Service Commission.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council