



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 4/15/2025

Effective Date: 4/15/2025

Reference No.: CR-017-2025

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Burroughs and Oriadha

Sponsor(s): Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga

Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON UTILITY PRICE INCREASES for the purpose of requesting the Public Service Commission to impose a moratorium on utility price increases for the indefinite future.

Drafter: Joel R. Peebles Jr., Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Pleshette Monroe, Director of Operations, Council District 8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/11/2025	County Council	introduced and referred	TIEE
	Action Text: This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.		
03/27/2025	TIEE	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 Olson, Harrison, Burroughs, Dernoga and Fisher		
04/15/2025	County Council	new draft substituted	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that a new draft of this Resolution be substituted. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 9 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha Absent: 1 Harrison		
04/15/2025	County Council	adopted	

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

Residents in Prince George's County are experiencing unprecedented challenges in affording essential services due to the rise of utility costs. Members of the Prince George's County Council have reported that the rising of utility rates, which are approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission, are unsustainable for county constituents. Low- and moderate-income county residents are being forced to make decision between basic necessities and maintaining power in their home.

This resolution stands as a formal request from the County Council to the Public Service Commission to implement an immediate freeze on utility rates for an indefinite period of time. Once the freeze has commenced, the County Council requests that the Public Service Commission conducts a comprehensive review of the factors contributing to the increases and to explore all available avenues to mitigate the financial strain on consumers.

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