

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

Resolution No. CR-017-2025

Proposed by Council Members Burroughs and Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction March 11, 2025

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 A Moratorium on Utility Price Increases

3 For the purpose of requesting the Public Service Commission to impose a moratorium on utility  
4 price increases for the indefinite future.

5 WHEREAS, Title 4, Subtitle 1, Section 4-102 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated  
6 Code of Maryland permits the Public Service Commission to set just and reasonable rates for a  
7 public service company, as maximum rate, minimum rate, or both; and

8 WHEREAS, service rates within Prince George's County and the State of Maryland have  
9 continued to increase; and

10 WHEREAS, residents in Prince George's County are facing unprecedented challenges in  
11 affording essential services; and

12 WHEREAS, these escalating utility costs are placing an undue burden on low- and  
13 moderate-income households; and

14 WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of the causes for the rise in rates should be conducted  
15 to ascertain the necessity of the current rates.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
17 County, Maryland, that the County Council requests that the Maryland Public Service  
18 Commission initiate a moratorium on all utility price increases for an indefinite period of time.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon commencement of the moratorium, the County  
20 Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, requests that the Maryland Public Service  
21 Commission conduct a thorough review of the factors contributing to the rate increases and  
22 determine if the increases are justified and equitable.

1       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George’s County,  
2 Maryland, requests that the Maryland Public Service Commission partner with Pennsylvania-  
3 New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection (PMJ) to conduct a comprehensive review of policy  
4 mechanisms that may lower utility rates that directly affect ratepayers in Prince George’s County  
5 and the State of Maryland.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward P. Burroughs III  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council