

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC  
COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
FOR THE KEY CROSSING RELIABILITY  
INITIATIVE TRANSMISSION LINE  
PROJECT

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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 9600  
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Issued: January 7, 2019

**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE'S  
NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

On December 21, 2018, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ("BGE") filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for authority to modify a portion of an existing 230 kV electric transmission line that runs between the Riverside Substation in Baltimore County, Maryland, and the Brandon Shores Substation in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.<sup>1</sup> BGE proposes to replace the existing underground pipe-type cable along an approximate 2.25-mile stretch of the existing 230 kV electric transmission line between Hawkins Point and Sollers Point beneath the Patapsco River with overhead wire and eight support structures. BGE also proposes to remove the existing transmission terminal stations on Hawkins Point and Sollers Point that transition the current line from overhead to underground, and abandoning in place the existing underground portion of the electric transmission line. BGE asserted the modification was necessary to

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<sup>1</sup> The application is available for public inspection or copying at Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ("BGE"), 2 Center Plaza – 12th Floor, 110 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. Please contact Daniel W. Hurson, Assistant General Counsel for BGE, at 410-470-1428 to schedule an appointment to view the application. Additionally, the application and other pleadings in this matter may be viewed or downloaded from the electronic docket file (9600) available through the Commission's website, [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us).

maintain the integrity and reliability of the double-circuit 230 kV transmission loop around BGE's Maryland electric distribution service territory, and mitigate potential overloads.

BGE claimed, pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, § 7-207(b)(3)(ii), that because the project involves an existing overhead transmission line, the requirement to obtain a CPCN may be waived for good cause. However, BGE noted that it was not seeking a waiver initially, but reserved the right to do so at a later time.

A pre-hearing conference in this matter is hereby set for **Friday, February 8, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the Commission's 19th floor hearing room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland. At the pre-hearing conference, any preliminary matters, including the consideration of any petitions to intervene and the establishment of a procedural schedule, will be discussed.

The Applicant is directed to cause a display advertisement to be published in a newspaper in general circulation throughout Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County **at least twice**, in successive weeks, on or before February 4, 2019, showing the time, date, place, and purpose (including the case number and case caption) of the conference set for **Friday, February 8, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.** The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that petitions to intervene should be filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary, Terry J. Romine, at 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6806, before February 6, 2018.

Additionally, the Applicant is encouraged to use any social media or other communication methods to advise residents/businesses of Baltimore and Anne Arundel

Counties of the date, time, location, and purpose of the pre-hearing conference as well as the date by which petitions to intervene must be submitted.

/s/ Ryan C. McLean  
Ryan C. McLean  
Chief Public Utility Law Judge  
Public Service Commission of Maryland

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

January 7, 2019

In the matter of the application of Baltimore  
Gas and Electric Company for a Certificate of  
Public Convenience and Necessity for the Key  
Crossing Reliability Initiative Transmission  
Line Project

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Case No. 9600

To All Persons Interested in Case No. 9600:

Enclosed is a copy of the "Public Utility Law Judge's Notice of Pre-hearing Conference" issued today in the above-entitled matter.

Also enclosed is a copy of the preliminary service list established for this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kathleen Berends

Kathleen Berends  
Administrator

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Enclosures