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Public Hearing Set for BGE's Transmission Line Upgrade through Baltimore County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a plan by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company to reconfigure 2.5 miles of an existing overhead transmission line through southeast Baltimore County. The hearing will take place on **Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the North Point Library, 1716 Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk before Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace.

BGE has applied to the Maryland Public Service Commission for what is known as a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), which grants an applicant the authority to construct an energy generating station or high-voltage transmission line in Maryland. According to the application, the reconfiguration of the transmission line starting at the Fitzell substation on the Tradepoint Atlantic property in Sparrows Point is necessary to improve reliability of electric service in the area.

The line reconfiguration would extend west from the substation for just less than a mile, where it will transition to an underground line and proceed underneath Bear Creek until reaching shore at Peach Orchard Park. From there, the project will continue as an underground line beneath Dundalk Avenue until it reaches a point near the Watersedge Community Center, where it will connect to an existing BGE overhead transmission line.

The hearing will include a presentation by BGE, the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, and the Commission's Technical Staff, followed by an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission's online portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>, or by mail. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer

Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9713](#).

The application is available for public inspection or copying at two branches of the Baltimore County Public Library in Dundalk: the Sollers Point Branch, 323 Sollers Point Road, and the North Point Branch, 1716 Merritt Boulevard.

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