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## Maryland PSC Assigns BGE Gas System Investigation Case to Chief Law Judge

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission has opened a new case into the report filed in April by the PSC's Engineering Division that raised concerns regarding Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's gas system safety inspection program. The Commission has delegated the proceeding to incoming Chief Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence for investigation, fact-finding and recommendations.

During the course of the proceeding, the Chief PULJ is also directed to rule on whether an independent audit of BGE's adherence to its inspection procedures/protocols, as recommended in the Engineering Division's report is warranted, and if so, the parameters of such an audit and how the company should be directed to proceed. If an independent audit is warranted, the Commission directed that it be paid for by the shareholders of Exelon Corp., BGE's parent company.

"Due to the seriousness of the allegations raised and the findings of the Engineering Division, we have asked the Chief Judge to thoroughly examine all of the issues and questions raised by the parties," said Frederick H. Hoover, Chair of the Commission. "Although this case is separate from BGE's multi-year rate case, new information revealed in this proceeding could become relevant to that case."

This issue arose out of claims by a group of former BGE employees that alleged deficiencies involving the company's gas system safety inspection program. The PSC Engineering Division's report documented concerns related to BGE's oversight and eventual termination of an inspector employed by the company.

Among other issues, Engineering investigated whether the safety of the natural gas infrastructure was compromised and whether BGE included increased gas contracting or internal labor costs related to the misconduct in its 2023 multi-year rate plan reconciliation. In its investigation report, the Engineering Division identified gaps in BGE's compliance oversight, quality assurance of work, and verification of gas distribution system records.

In its response to the report, BGE emphasized its commitment to ensuring that its electric and gas infrastructure is well-maintained and disputed the Engineering Division's conclusions and recommendations. The Maryland Office of People's Counsel, the state's utility ratepayer advocate, noted that Engineering's report raised concerns regarding BGE's gas infrastructure inspection processes (and the company's adherence to those processes), the safety of at least parts of BGE's gas distribution system, and the costs and prudence of BGE's related gas infrastructure work.

After receiving the Chief PULJ's final report, the Commission will direct further proceedings, allowing the parties to comment on the PULJ's factual findings and recommendations prior to issuing its determination in this matter.

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