The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

(1) exempt [[certain]] procurements of [[energy commodities]] electricity, natural gas, and compressed natural gas from Chapter 11B; and

(2) generally amend the law governing contracts and procurement.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 11B, Contracts and Procurement
Section 11B-4
Sec. 1. Section 11B-4 of the County Code is amended as follows:

11-B4. Exemptions.

This Chapter, other than Article XII, does not apply to:

(a) a procurement made for the employees' retirement system under procedures approved by the Chief Administrative Officer;

(b) obtaining the services of special legal counsel under Section 213, 108 or 410 of the Charter;

(c) the procurement of an independent auditor by the County Council under Section 315 of the Charter;

(d) obtaining the services of an impasse neutral, mediator, or fact finder under a County collective bargaining law under procedures approved by the Chief Administrative Officer;

(e) obtaining copyrighted material and information which is intended for use by the public in or through a public library under procedures approved by the Chief Administrative Officer; [and]

(f) obtaining energy commodities, electricity, natural gas, and compressed natural gas under procedures approved by the Chief Administrative Officer and approved by the County Council; and

(g) any other procurement exempted from this Chapter by another law.

Sec. 2. Expedited effective date.

The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.
Approved:

Steven A. Silverman, President, County Council

Date: 12/12/03

Approved:

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

Date: 12/19/03

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Mary Edgar, Clerk of the Council

Date: 12/19/03