AN ACT to:

(1) clarify that a designee of the Department of Permitting Services and not the Department of Environmental Protection will serve as a member of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group; and

(2) generally amend County law regarding transmission facility coordination.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Section 2-58E

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. Section 2-58E is amended as follows:

2-58E. Transmission facility coordination.

(a) The Chief Information Officer[,] must establish and maintain a process to coordinate the location of public and private transmission facilities in the County. The County Executive must issue regulations to implement this process, including time limits for any review of a siting decision by the CIO or the CIO's designee or contractor, or the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group. The Executive may adopt regulations under method (3) to set fees for reviewing and coordinating the siting of each proposed transmission facility that requires a building permit, special exception, or other County approval. The regulations may set different fees for certain categories of applicants to reflect different costs to the County to review and coordinate the siting of facilities by that type of applicant. The Executive must establish, and may modify, fee categories by method (2) regulation.

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(d) (1) The Director must convene a Transmission Facility Coordinating Group and select a chair from among its members. The Group consists of the Director's designee or contractor and a designee of:

(A) the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;

(B) the Office of Management and Budget;
(C) the cable television administrator in the Department of Technology Services;

(D) the Department of Public Works and Transportation;

(E) the Department of [Environmental Protection] Permitting Services; and

(F) any other County, bi-county, or municipal department or agency which the Director invites to send a designee.

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Approved:

George L. Leventhal, President, County Council 7/13/06

Approved:

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive 7/18/06

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council 7/20/06