

CASE No. 9050 - BGE CPCN Transmission Line to Finksburg

PSC proceedings were conducted into BGE's request to construct additional high voltage lines along an existing transmission line corridor. Questions were raised by PSC at the public hearing June 14, 2006 dealing with the trimming of vegetation and the responsibility for the clearing of the trimmed vegetation from the right of way, especially large trees that abutted residential homeowners' property. Ultimately the PSC found in a telephone conducted motions hearing to compel that the issue of trimming had been a matter that had been relegated to a work-group: Maryland Electric Reliability Tree Trimming Council (MERTT). OPC was not able to assist home-owners who were concerned with large tree cutting and leaving the trunks of these cut trees in the right of way, where 4 wheels bikes were often used by children, and the trimmed trees were obscured by the high growth of grasses in the summertime. Proposed Order was issued by the PSC on September 5, 2006.