

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

DATE: October 25, 2012

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1. City Savings as a Result of BRCPC Electric Purchases

The City has received information showing the savings for the City of Bowie and for other Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC) members over the last five fiscal years as a result of participating in BRCPC for the purchase of electricity. The savings is calculated by comparing the BRCPC portfolio actual rate/cost with the BGE provider of last resort rate, which is the rate BGE customers pay who do not purchase their electricity from a third party supplier. From FY 2007 through FY 2012, the City of Bowie saved a total of \$944,637 by paying the BRCPC rate as opposed to the BGE provider of last resort rate. For FY 2012, this savings amounted to \$94,262 for the City. For BRCPC members as a whole, \$76,832,281 was saved from FY 2007 through FY 2012, and \$8,647,543 was saved in FY 2012 alone.

2. Smart Meter BGE Open House

BGE held a second Smart Meter Open House at the Senior Center on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There was a good turnout of seniors and others at this Open House. Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Polangin and City staff also attended.

3. Sustainable Maryland Certified Application Update

This week, Planning staff submitted the City's application for certification under the Sustainable Maryland Certified program. City Council endorsed the Bowie Green Team Action Plan, which was the last component of the application, at the October 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting. Upon filing the City's application, staff learned that, while applications had previously been accepted on a rolling basis, the program was recently set up to run in cycles, with the next application deadline falling in January. The Program Manager stated they will begin reviewing the City's submission in the near future.