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Presbytery of Baltimore Helps Maryland Stay on a Clean Energy Path

The Presbytery of Baltimore collaborated with Environment Maryland, the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and several other environmental groups to bring about the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act in Maryland during the 2008 Maryland General Assembly. This bill, like California's pioneering energy and climate bill, AB 32, also requires reductions of greenhouse gases in Maryland. Currently we are opposing the approval of big new transmission lines bringing electricity into the state from West Virginia using old, dirty coal-fired power plants for the electrical generation. We see this as a way for the utility companies to circumvent the reduction requirements in Maryland and yet increase the reliance on coal. We held a rally in Baltimore December 1, to voice our strong opposition to these two new transmission lines.

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