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## Governor's Letter to the Maryland Public Service Commission

Sugarloaf Conservancy supports Governor O'Malley's letter to the Maryland Public Service Commission, requesting they use their existing authority to promote local power generation including renewable power. Governor Martin O'Malley on December 17, 2009 wrote to the Maryland PSC requesting they use their existing authority to:

- Order new electricity generation to be built in Maryland;
- Adopt a more balance, diversified energy mix for residential and small commercial customers; and
- Include clean, renewable power as part of the State's long-term energy strategy.

Governor O'Malley further stated: "Such steps will go a long way in reducing price pressure, minimizing potential reliability concerns, and steering Maryland towards a more sustainable energy future."

Sugarloaf Conservancy supports our Governor's call for the creation of local renewable power. We believe that the costs for consumers will be less than if PATH and other large transmission lines are constructed. The regional authority in New England stated in a recent report "Annual wholesale electric prices would be generally lower with the addition of renewable resources that have low or no fuel costs, such as wind..."

Sugarloaf Conservancy believes the Public Service Commission should reject all applications for new interstate transmission lines and concentrate their efforts in supporting Governor O'Malley and other regional Governor's effort's to develop local renewable power.

Sugarloaf Conservancy was formed to protect and enhance the quality of life in Frederick County by education on issues related to wetlands, streams, meadows, rivers, forests, view sheds, conservation, restoration, and preservation. Currently our focus is opposing the overhead PATH high voltage power lines. For more information, go to [www.sugarloafconservancy.org](http://www.sugarloafconservancy.org) or [www.nometowers.org](http://www.nometowers.org).