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BGE needs a smart grid, not natural gas infrastructure | READER COMMENTARY

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Crews worked on a section of a new four-mile Baltimore Gas and Electric natural gas pipeline along Route 136 in Churchville in 2014. (Matt Button/Aegis). (MATT BUTTON | AEGIS STAFF, Baltimore Sun Media Group)

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I agree with David S. Lapp that “investments made for gas infrastructure (are) just too costly” ([“Gas infrastructure investments: too costly for consumers and environment,”](#) Sept. 28). Baltimore Gas and Electric’s \$1.3 billion investment does not account for the hidden cost of climate change and stranded assets.

Last year, BGE billed me \$677 for 1,026 therms of natural gas. What BGE did not show was that burning 1,026 therms emits a hazardous 5.4 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions. These emissions are proven to exacerbate floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, droughts, wildfires and sea-level rise. The answer is to replace gas furnaces with electric heat pumps powered by clean energy.

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BGE's \$1.3 billion investment should be for a smart grid instead of a gas pipe.

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