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Under Federal law, unlikely that you would qualify as a utility but we'll take a look at the approach. Recommend staying the current course for now.



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On Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 12:02 PM, Steve Davis <[steve@boringcompany.com](mailto:steve@boringcompany.com)> wrote:  
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/bs-md-hyperloop-in-baltimore-20171019-story.html>

The interesting part of this article is that it discusses how MD is treating us as a utility. If DOI looked at us as a utility, would we be following the same process (i.e. including an appraisal)? Or are utilities treated differently? Thoughts on whether there is anything that could be helpful from that concept, or whether we should stay the course?

Thanks!