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Public Hearing Set for Pepco's Transmission Line Upgrade in Prince George's County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a plan by Potomac Electric Power Company to rebuild an existing 10.2 mile 230 kV tower line in Prince George's County. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at Dr. Henry Wise Jr. High School, 12650 Brooke Lane in Upper Marlboro before Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence.

Pepco has applied to the Maryland Public Service Commission for what is known as a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), which grants an applicant the authority to construct an energy generating station or high-voltage transmission line in Maryland. According to the application, the project would originate at Pepco's Oak Grove substation and run to the company's Talbert substation, all within Pepco's existing right-of-way. Pepco notes the project is necessary to prevent failure of the structures supporting the transmission line, as well as to maintain compliance with reliability standards and avoid potential outages.

The hearing will include a presentation by Pepco, the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, and the Commission's Technical Staff, followed by an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project.

Members of the public can sign up in advance to speak at the hearing by sending an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon on Monday, January 29. In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent (**by February 6, 2024**) electronically through the Commission's online portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>, or by mail. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9699](#).

The application is available for public inspection or copying at the following library branches: Largo-Kettering Branch (9601 Capital Lane in Largo), Baden Branch (13603 Baden-Westwood Road in Brandywine) and Upper Marlboro (14730 Main Street).

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