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Virtual Public Hearing July 10 for 4.0 MW Solar Plant Proposed for Montgomery County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Chaberton Solar Sugarloaf, LLC to construct a 4.0 MW solar facility in Montgomery County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace.

In March 2024, Chaberton Solar Sugarloaf 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 solar facility, intended as part of the state’s community solar program, would be built on 16 acres at 20507 Darnestown Road (near the intersection of Darnestown Road and Dickerson Road) in Dickerson. The project consists of a ground-mounted solar array, a seven-foot tall perimeter fence, associated site access roads, and mechanical and electrical equipment. The project proposes to interconnect at Potomac Edison’s Beallsville Substation – Aqueduct via an extension of the existing 34.5 kV feeder.

Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing should send an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by 12 noon on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. For those who only want to watch the hearing, it will be simultaneously live streamed on the Public Utility Law Judge Division’s YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs):

<https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

The hearing will include a presentation by the developer, followed by brief statements from 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, and then an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent 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. [9726](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for public inspection or copying at the Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street in Poolesville.

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