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Virtual Public Hearing Set for 45.8 MW Solar Facility Proposed for Wicomico County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Porter Mill, LLC to build a 45.8 MW solar facility in Wicomico County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace will preside.

Porter Mill, LLC 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 will be constructed on 268 acres at the intersection of Ocean Gateway (Route 50) and Porter Mill Road in the town of Hebron.

The hearing will include a presentation by the applicant, 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. **To speak at the hearing, please send an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by 12:00 noon on Monday, October 30, 2023;** participants will receive an email with the link to join in. For those who just 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>

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. [9710](#).

The application is available for public inspection or copying at the Town of Hebron, Town Hall, 100 North Main Street in Hebron. More information can be found on the project website: portermillsolarmaryland.com

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