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Public Hearing August 22 for 3.0 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 Ramiere LCC to construct a 3.0 MW solar facility in Montgomery County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Thursday, August 22, 2024** at **7 p.m.** before Chief Public Utility Law Judge Chuck McLean.

In April 2024, Chaberton Solar Ramiere 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 Maryland's community solar program, would be built on 11 acres of a 118-acre property located at 17600 Whites Ferry Road, near the intersection with Sugarland Road, in Poolesville.

To participate virtually, please sign up in advance to speak by sending an email referencing Case No. 9733 to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon on August 21. Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. For those who want to watch the hearing, please visit 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 other parties to the proceeding, including the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, the Commission's Technical Staff, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and Montgomery County. At the conclusion of those brief statements, members of the public will have an opportunity 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. [9733](#).

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

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