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## Second Public Hearing October 7 for 5.0 MW Solar Plant Proposed for Frederick 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 Wild Turkey, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar facility in Frederick County. The hearing, rescheduled from August 29, will take place on **Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Guardian Hose Company (Meeting Room), 21 North Church Street in Thurmont, with Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke presiding. The first public comment hearing in this case was held May 22 of this year.

In October 2023, Chaberton Solar Wild Turkey 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 53 acres of a 112-acre property located at 12949 Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge.

Barring any technical difficulties, the hearing will also feature a virtual option for those unable to attend in person. To participate virtually, please sign up in advance to speak by sending an email referencing Case No. 9717 to [psc.pulj@gmail.com](mailto:psc.pulj@gmail.com) by noon on October 4. Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. Otherwise, a recording of the hearing will be available 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9717](#).

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