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Public Comment Hearing December 3 on 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 again invited to comment on a proposal by Chaberton Solar Wild Turkey, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar generating facility in Frederick County. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Guardian Hose Company, Inc. (Company Activity Building), 123 E. Main Street in Thurmont. Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke will preside. Prior public comment hearings in this case were held on May 22 and October 7, 2024.

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 approximately 53 acres of a 112-acre parcel at 12949 Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge.

The hearing will include a virtual option for those unable to attend in person. To participate virtually, please sign up in advance to speak by sending an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon on December 2, 2024. 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 (by December 12, 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 (only one copy is required). So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9717](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for public review at the Frederick County Department of Development Review and Planning, 30 North Market Street in Frederick.

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