

# CPCN Participation Fact Sheet

- **Details on the CPCN Process can be found on our website.**
  - [A Guide to the CPCN Process](#)
- **CPCN Procedure: Statutory Parties to Proceeding**
  - Power Plant Research Program (Dept. of Natural Resources) – coordinates the testimony and positions of all affected state agencies to present a consolidated state position; provides expert witnesses who address safety, environmental, engineering, socioeconomic, and esthetic analysis
  - Maryland Office of People’s Counsel, the residential ratepayer advocate
  - Technical Staff of MD PSC – primarily addresses reliability and stability of electric grid
- **Ways to participate.**
  - **Petition to be a party to the case to participate in litigation**
    - *Should* be represented by legal counsel as CPCNs are litigated, but *can* be pro se
      - Pro se litigants are subject to discovery, and if they testify -- cross-examination, subject to the penalties of perjury
    - To petition to be a party, a motion needs to be [E-filed](#) with the Commission in the corresponding case requesting permission to intervene as a party in the proceeding.
  - **Register as an “interested person” to receive Commission documents**
    - To petition to be an interested person, a letter needs to be [E-filed](#) with the Commission requesting to be added to the service list for the case as an interested person.
    - Interested persons receive documents issued by the Commission electronically (but not filings from other parties), and are listed in the service list
  - **Subscribe to the docket to receive notice of filings**
    - Will receive an email alert when new filings are made in the docket (but you are not listed on the service list)
    - Register email address on the Commission’s [website](#) to receive updates.
  - **File public comments and public comment hearings**
    - Public comment hearings will be scheduled for each case where oral comments can be made. Hearings can be virtual or in-person. Commission notices will provide the details.
    - Members of the public may also file written comments.
      - To make a public comment, go to the following [link](#). You may also mail your comments: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>
      - To view public comments, go to the following [link](#).