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Maryland PSC to Hold Second Public Hearing for Solar Project in Frederick County

(BALTIMORE, MD-September 5, 2019) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a second public comment hearing on a request by Biggs Ford Solar Center, LLC to build a 15 MW solar generating facility in Frederick County. The hearing will be held **Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites Frederick-Fort Detrick, 1565 Opossumtown Pike in Frederick.** Members of the public who wish to comment on the proposal are welcome to attend the hearing before Chief Public Utility Law Judge Ryan C. McLean. The solar facility and the accompanying interconnection distribution line are proposed to be constructed at 8300 Biggs Ford Road in Walkersville, on a 151-acre parcel zoned 'agricultural.'

The first public comment hearing in this case was held in September 2017. After conducting an evidentiary hearing, a proposed order issued in December 2017 by Judge McLean to deny the application was appealed by the developer to the Commission. In April 2018, the Commission remanded the case back to the Public Utility Law Judge Division in order to provide Biggs Ford the opportunity to seek a floating zone reclassification from Frederick County. In April 2019, the county denied the developer's request to rezone the parcel from the 'agricultural zone' to 'solar facility - commercial floating zone' district.

The application and other filings in this case are available in the electronic docket for Case No. [9439](#), which may be viewed or downloaded at www.psc.state.md.us. In addition, the application is available for public inspection and copying at Triad Engineering, Inc., 1075-D Sherman Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Written comments may be submitted **by October 3, 2019** using the Commission's public comments electronic filing system, instructions for which can be found at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>. Comments may be uploaded after completing a one-time registration.

As an alternative, comments referencing Case No. [9439](#) may be mailed or hand-delivered (**by October 3, 2019**) to:

Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary

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