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Second Public Comment Hearing February 19 on 5.0 MW Solar Project Proposed for Kent 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 TPE MD KE51, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar generating facility in Kent County. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 7 p.m.** at Galena Elementary School, 114 S. Main Street in Galena. Chief Public Utility Law Judge Ryan C. McLean will preside. The first public comment hearing in this case was held on October 3, 2024.

In May 2024, TPE MD KE51 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 located on 40 acres of a 199-acre site at 10066 Peacock Corner Road in Millington.

The hearing will include a presentation on the project by the developer, followed by brief presentations on their recommendations by 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. Barring any technical difficulties, a recording of the hearing will be available the next day on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent (**by February 27, 2025**) 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. [9742](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for public review at the Kent County Department of Planning and Zoning, 400 High Street in Chestertown, and at the Millington Town Office, 402 Cypress Street in Millington.

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