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Virtual Public Hearing Set for Proposed Community Solar Facility in Harford County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a plan by Chaberton Solar Bonneville, LLC to build a 5.0 MW community solar facility in Harford County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence.

Chaberton Solar Bonneville has 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 ground-mounted project intended as part of the state's community solar program would occupy approximately 37 acres of a site located at 1624 Jarrettsville Road in Jarrettsville.

The hearing will include a presentation by the applicant, 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, followed by an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project.

Members of the public can sign up to speak at the hearing by sending an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon on April 9, 2024. Speakers will be emailed a link to the virtual platform. For those who want to observe, the hearing will be livestreamed on the Public Utility Law Judge's YouTube channel.

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, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. 9716.

The application is also available for review at the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning, 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air. ###

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