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## Public Comment Hearing Dec. 1 for Potomac Edison Transmission Line Rebuild

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a virtual public comment hearing for a proposed rebuild of the Potomac Edison Company's Doubs-Goose Creek transmission line between Frederick and Montgomery counties. Community residents and other interested parties are welcome to take part in the hearing which is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 7 p.m.** Chief Public Utility Law Judge Ryan C. McLean will preside.

Potomac Edison has applied to the 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. The Doubs-Goose Creek 500 kV transmission line is an 18-mile segment linking the extra high voltage (EHV) system in Maryland to the EHV system in Virginia. The utility seeks to rebuild the 15.2 mile segment of the line located in Maryland to address several concerns including potential overloads, the age of the existing facilities, and future growth in electricity demand.

**Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing can sign up by sending an email to [psc.pulj@gmail.com](mailto:psc.pulj@gmail.com) by 12 noon on November 30, 2021.** The hearing will be held on the Webex platform and participants will receive an email with the link to join in. For those who just want to watch the hearing, it will be simultaneously livestreamed on the Public Utility Law Judge's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

In addition to the hearings, written comments can be submitted electronically through the Commission's online portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/> Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. All comments should reference Case No. [9669](#).

The application is available for public inspection/copying at the Edward F. Fry Memorial Library, 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike in Point of Rocks, and at the Quince Orchard Library, 15831 Quince Orchard Road in Gaithersburg.

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