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Public Comment Hearing Set for Potomac Edison Transmission Line Rebuild

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to share their comments on the impacts of a proposal by the Potomac Edison Company to rebuild the existing Doubs-Goose Creek transmission line between Frederick and Montgomery counties. The **virtual** hearing will take place on **Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7pm**. Chief Public Utility Law Judge Ryan C. ‘Chuck’ McLean will preside. The hearing will begin with a presentation by Potomac Edison on the details of the project.

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 begins at the Doubs Substation near Buckeystown, Maryland and runs in a southeasterly direction for 15.2 miles through Frederick and Montgomery counties to the Maryland/Virginia border. According to the application, Potomac Edison seeks to rebuild this segment of the line to address several concerns, including potential overloads, the age of 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 by 12 noon on October 26, 2022. 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 hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission’s online portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>. Comments may also be sent by mail and should be addressed to: Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. All comments should reference Case No. [9669](#) and be sent by **January 4, 2023**.

The application is also available to review or copy 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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