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Public Hearing Set for Solar Facility Proposed for Queen Anne's County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Chaberton Solar Orchard Hill, LLC to construct a 3.24 MW solar facility in Queen Anne's County. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Ingleside Community Center, 2731 Roberts Station Road in Ingleside, with Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence presiding.

In May 2024, Chaberton Solar Orchard Hill 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 built on approximately 20 acres of a nearly 58-acre property at Sudlersville Road in Sudlersville. The site is located near the intersection of Goldsboro Road and Elevator Road.

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

Barring any technical difficulties, the hearing may be viewed, beginning the day after the hearing, 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 January 29, 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. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9739](#).

The application is available for review at the Queen Anne's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 110 Vincit Street, Suite 102 in Centreville, and at the Sudlersville Memorial Library, 105 W. Main Street in Sudlersville.

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