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Public Hearings Scheduled for 300 MW Solar Facility Proposed to be Sited in Western Maryland

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Jade Meadow III, LLC to construct a 300 MW solar project and associated interconnection facilities in Garrett and Allegany counties.

Two hearings – one in Lonaconing and one in Grantsville - are scheduled before Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke:

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Allegany County Public Library – George’s Creek Branch
76 Main Street in Lonaconing

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Garrett County Public Library – Grantsville Branch
102 Parkview Drive in Grantsville

In December 2024, Jade Meadow III 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 in Maryland. According to the application, the developer proposes to build the project on 1,852 acres of a nearly 6,000-acre site along Route 36/Route 135 in proximity to the western Maryland towns of Westernport and Barton. The majority of the project site was previously used for mining.

In addition to taking comments from the public, the hearing will include a presentation by the applicant, brief statements by the parties, including 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, as to their respective roles in the case.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent (by August 8, 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. [9769](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the following locations:

Garrett County Department of Community Development, Planning and Land Management Division
203 South Fourth Street (Room 207) in Oakland

Allegany County Department of Planning and Zoning
701 Kelly Road in Cumberland

Allegany County Public Library – Westernport Branch
66 Main Street in Westernport

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