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Second Public Comment Hearing February 3 on 5.0 MW Solar Plant Proposed for Prince George's County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are again invited to comment on a proposal by Croom Road Solar, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar generating facility in Prince George's County. The hearing will take place on **Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall of Upper Marlboro, 14211 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke will preside. The first public comment hearing in this case was held on October 24, 2024.

In June 2024, Croom Road Solar 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 25 acres of a 40-acre parcel at the intersection of Croom Road and Route 301 (Crain Highway) in Upper Marlboro. The project site is an abandoned brownfield previously used as an unpermitted sand and gravel mine.

The hearing will include a virtual option for those unable to attend in person. To participate virtually, please sign up in advance to speak by sending an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com **by noon on January 31, 2025**. Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. Otherwise, a recording of the hearing will be available on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

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

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent (**by February 7, 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 (only one copy is required). So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9743](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for public review at the Prince George's County Planning Department, in the County Administration Office, 1616 McCormick Drive in Largo.

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