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Second Public Hearing Scheduled for Solar Facility Proposed to be Sited in Montgomery 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 Chaberton Solar Ramiere, LLC to construct a 3.0 MW solar project in Montgomery County. The hearing will take place on **Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, 19801 Beallsville Road in Beallsville. Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace will preside. The first public hearing in this case was held on August 22, 2024.

In April 2024, Chaberton Solar Ramiere 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, intended as part of Maryland's community solar program, on approximately 11 acres of a 118-acre site at 17600 Whites Ferry Road (near the intersection of Whites Ferry Road and Sugarland Road), in Poolesville.

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 (the state's ratepayer advocate), the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Montgomery Countryside Alliance, and the Commission's Technical Staff, as to their respective roles in the case.

Anyone wishing to provide public comment and who is not able to appear in person may request to participate virtually, barring any technical difficulties. Those who would like to speak at the hearing must sign up (by Friday, April 11, 2025) through the Calendly app on the Commission's website - www.psc.state.md.us:

- Under 'Featured Topics' on the right side of the webpage, click on 'Public Comment Hearing Sign Up';
- Click on 'Case 9733', and the hearing date and time (April 14 at 6:30 pm);
- Click 'Next', enter name and email

- Click 'Schedule Event'

Once the sign up process is complete, registrants will receive a Zoom link. Otherwise, the hearing can be viewed on the PULJ Division's (MD PSC PULJs) YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent (by April 17, 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. [9733](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street in Poolesville.

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