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Second Public Hearing Set for 45.8 MW Solar Plant Proposed for Wicomico County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Porter Mill, LLC to construct an approximately 45.8 MW solar facility in Hebron (Wicomico County). The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Rockawalkin Community Hall, 6772 Rockawalkin Road in Hebron before Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace. The first hearing on this project was held November 1, 2023.

Porter Mill, LLC has 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 project would be built on 268 acres at the intersection of Ocean Gateway (Route 50) and Porter Mill Road.

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

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/, or by mail, by **Friday, March 1, 2024**. 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. 9710.

The application is available for public inspection or copying at the Town of Hebron Town Hall, 100 North Main Street in Hebron.

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