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Second Public Hearing Set for Solar Facility Proposed in Wicomico County In-person Session June 20 for 9.9 MW Walston I Project

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposed 9.9 MW solar facility that Temo Renewables, LLC has applied to build in Wicomico County. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023** at **7:00 p.m.** at Wor-Wic Community College (Henson Hall 105) in Salisbury. Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence will preside.

Temo Renewables 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 will be constructed on approximately 47 acres at 6418 Walston Switch Road in Salisbury, near the Salisbury Regional Airport. The project will include 34,600 solar panels and 60 separate power stations, and will interconnect to the facilities of Choptank Electric Cooperative and Delmarva Power & Light. The project no longer includes a battery energy storage system, as detailed in the original plans.

The hearing will open with presentations by the developer, as well as the Department of Natural Resources Power Plant Research Program, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, and the Maryland Public Service Commission's Technical Staff. The first hearing in this case was held January 31, 2023.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission's online portal at <u>https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/</u> Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary, 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. <u>9682</u> and should be sent by June 23, 2023. The application is available for public inspection/copying at the Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development, 125 Division Street, # 203, in Salisbury.

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