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Second Public Hearing Scheduled for Solar Facility Proposed to be Sited in Carroll 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 Sunshine, LLC to construct a 3.0 MW solar project in Carroll County. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7 p.m.** at the Legacy Hall of the Sykesville Volunteer Fire Department, 6680 Sykesville Road in Sykesville. Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace will preside. The first public hearing in this case was held on November 13, 2024.

In April 2024, Chaberton Solar Sunshine 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 16.5 acres of a 125-acre site at 940 Fannie Dorsey Road (near the intersection with Sacramento Drive), in Sykesville.

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 Carroll County Commissioners, 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. To do so, please send an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon on April 7, 2025; participants will get an email with a link to the virtual platform. Otherwise, the hearing can be watched 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 14, 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. [9735](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Sykesville Town Hall, 7547 Main Street in Sykesville.

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