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Third Public Hearing March 26 on Cape Horn Solar Project Proposed for 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 Elk Development, LLC to construct the 2.125 MW Cape Horn solar facility in Carroll County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace.

In July 2024, Elk Development 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 facility in Maryland. According to the application, the solar facility, consisting of two separate arrays and intended as part of Maryland's community solar program, would be built within 16.25 acres of a 35-acre property located at the intersection of Cape Horn Road and Hampstead Mexico Road in Hampstead. Since filing its original application, the developer has made changes to its site plan and has updated its decommissioning plan.

The hearing will include presentations by Elk Development, as well as recommendations from the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Commission's Technical Staff and the Office of People's Counsel, followed by comments from members of the public.

Those who would like to speak at the hearing should sign up (by noon on Tuesday, March 25, 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 9747', and the hearing date and time (March 26 at 7 pm);
- Click 'Next', enter name and email
- Click 'Schedule Event'

Once the sign up process is complete, registrants will receive a Zoom link.

A recording will be available on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

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. 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. **9747** and be sent by March 28, 2025.

Elk Development's application for this project and all other filings in this case can be found in the electronic docket for Case No. [9747](#).

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The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities and suppliers, telephone companies (land lines), private water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire, taxicab companies in some jurisdictions and bay pilot rates. The Commission implements the energy policy of the State and also regulates the siting of energy generating facilities and high-voltage transmission lines.