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Virtual Public Hearing Set for Solar Facility Proposed to be Sited in Cecil County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Halo NE1 LLC to construct a 3.45 MW solar generating facility in Cecil County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Monday, June 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke.

In February 2025, Halo NE1 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 19.8 acres of a nearly 71-acre property at 845 Wheatley Road in North East.

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, and the Commission's Technical Staff, as to their respective roles in the case.

Those who would like to speak at the hearing must sign up (by Friday, June 27, 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 9779', and the hearing date and time (June 30 at 7:00 p.m.);
- 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 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 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. [9779](#).

The application is available for review at the Cecil County Department of Land Use and Development Services, 200 Chesapeake Blvd. (Suite 2300) in Elkton.

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