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## **Virtual Public Hearing May 22 for 5.0 MW Solar Plant Proposed for Frederick County**

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Chaberton Solar Wild Turkey, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar facility in Rocky Ridge (Frederick County). The virtual hearing will take place on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke.

In October 2023, Chaberton Solar Wild Turkey 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, intended as part of the state's community solar program, would be built on 53 acres at 12949 Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge.

**Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing should send an email to [psc.pulj@gmail.com](mailto:psc.pulj@gmail.com) by 12 noon on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.**

Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. For those who only want to watch the hearing, it will be simultaneously live streamed on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs):

<https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

The hearing will include a presentation by the developer, followed by brief statements from 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, and then 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. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer

Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9717](#).

The application is available for public inspection or copying at the Frederick County Department of Development Review and Planning, 30 North Market Street in Frederick.

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