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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 Harkins Lane Solar 1, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar generating facility and associated interconnection facilities in Cecil County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke.

In January 2025, Harkins Lane Solar 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 37.5 acres of a 156-acre property at 0 Harkins Lane in Chesapeake City.

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, May 23, 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 9775', and the hearing date and time (May 27 at 7:00 pm);
- 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. [9775](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Cecil County Department of Planning and Zoning, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard (Suite 2300) in Elkton; and the Chesapeake City branch of the Cecil County Public Library, 2527 Augustine Herman Highway in Chesapeake City.

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