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Virtual Public Hearing Scheduled for Oldtown Bridge Rate Case

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on the application by the Historic Oldtown Bridge Preservation, LLC to revise its toll rates and charges. A virtual hearing will take place on **Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke.

In July 2024, the bridge operator requested an increase to the toll rate for passenger vehicles from \$1.50 to \$2.50, as well as increases for other types of vehicles. The bridge is the only privately-owned toll bridge operating in Maryland and provides a low-water crossing over the Potomac River between Oldtown, Maryland (Allegany County) and Green Spring, West Virginia.

Those who would like to speak at the hearing must sign up (by Tuesday, May 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 9712', and the hearing date and time (May 28 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: <u>https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP</u>

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission's online portal at <u>https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-</u> <u>comment/</u>, 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. <u>9712</u>.

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