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Public Hearing Scheduled for Solar Facility Proposed to be Sited in Worcester County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by TPE MD WO73, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar generating facility in Worcester County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke.

In December 2024, TPE MD WO73 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 35.5 acres of a 137-acre property ½ mile northwest of the intersection of Old Ocean City Boulevard and Main Street in Berlin.

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, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel (the state's ratepayer advocate), 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 Monday, May 5, 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 9772', and the hearing date and time (May 6 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. [9772](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Worcester County Government Center, 1 W. Market Street (Room 1201) in Snow Hill, and the Town of Berlin Administrator's Office, 10 William Street in Berlin.

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