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Virtual Public Hearing Scheduled for Solar Facility Proposed to be Sited in Queen Anne's County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Ruthsburg Rd Solar 1, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar project in Queen Anne's County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 7 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace.

In November 2024, Ruthsburg Rd Solar 1 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 developer proposes to build the project, intended as part of Maryland's community solar program, on approximately 31 acres of an 89-acre site located at 0 Ruthsburg Road in Centreville.

The hearing will include a presentation by the applicant, followed by an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project.

Those who would like to speak at the hearing must sign up (by Monday, March 24, 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 9764', and the hearing date and time (March 25 at 7 pm);
- Click 'Next', enter name and email
- Click 'Schedule Event'

Once the sign up process is complete, registrants will receive a Zoom link.

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>9764</u>.

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Queen Anne's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 110 Vincit Street, Suite 104 in Centreville.

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