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Second Public Hearing Scheduled for Solar Facility to be Sited in Cecil County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are again invited to comment on a proposal by Harkins Lane Solar 1, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar generating facility in Cecil County. The hearing will take place on **Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Volunteer Fire Company Station No. 2, 215 Lock Street (Banquet Hall on second floor) in Chesapeake City before Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke. The first public hearing in this case took place in May of this year.

In January 2025, the developer 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 acres of a 155-acre property located at the end of Harkins Lane, about ¼ mile southwest of the intersection of Harkins Lane and Randalia Road 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 and recommendations in the case.

Barring any technical difficulties, the hearing can also 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 (by September 23, 2025) 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 Blvd (Suite 2300) in Elkton, and the Chesapeake City Branch of the Cecil County Public Library, 2527 Augustine Herman Hwy. in Chesapeake City.

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