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Virtual Public Comment Hearing Scheduled for Allegany County Solar Project

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Solar Star Allegany South LLC to construct a 4.95 MW solar generating facility in Allegany County. A virtual public comment hearing will be held **Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** The Public Service Commission has delegated this case to its Public Utility Law Judge Division; Chief Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence will preside.

In July 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 22 acres of a 124-acre property at 11515 Cash Valley Road in Cumberland.

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>

Those who would like to participate must sign up (by January 26, 2026) 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 9805', and the hearing date and time (January 28 at 6 p.m.);
- Click 'Next', enter name and email
- Click 'Schedule Event'

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

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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. [9805](#) and can be sent through June 30, 2026.

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