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Proposed CPV Backbone Solar Project in Garrett County Gets First Public Hearing

(BALTIMORE, MD-July 27, 2021) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a virtual public comment hearing on a proposed 175 MW solar generating facility in Garrett County. Community residents and other interested parties are welcome to take part in the hearing which is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7 p.m.** Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer Grace will preside.

CPV Backbone Solar, LLC has applied to the 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. The project—which would include more than 406,000 solar panels—is slated to be constructed on about 1,170 acres of land previously used for coal mining. The project site is located at 5187 Kitzmiller Road in Kitzmiller.

Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing can sign up by sending an email to psc.pulj@maryland.gov by 12 noon on Monday, August 2, 2021. The hearing will be held on the Webex platform and participants will receive an email with the link to join in. The hearing will be simultaneously livestreamed on the Public Utility Law Judge's YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

In addition to the hearings, written comments will be accepted until October 19, 2021 by using the Commission's online public comments portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/> Comments should reference Case. No [9663](#). A second public comment hearing is scheduled for October 19.

CPV Backbone Solar's application is available for public inspection or copying at the Garrett County Department of Planning and Land Management, Permits & Inspection Division, Courthouse Administrative Building, 203 South Fourth Street (Room 208) in Oakland.

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