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Proposed Costen Solar Project in Pocomoke City Gets First Public Hearing

(BALTIMORE, MD-June 24, 2021) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a virtual public comment hearing on a proposed 10.625 MW solar generating facility in Somerset County. Community residents and other interested parties are welcome to take part in the hearing which is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 7 p.m.** Public Utility Law Judge Christine Burke will preside.

Costen Solar, Inc. 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. Costen Solar's project is slated to be constructed on about 57 acres of property owned by Chesapeake Renewable Energy, LLC located at 33001 Costen Road in Pocomoke City. The project will include approximately 34,000 solar panels and an interconnection to Choptank Electric Cooperative's Edgewood substation.

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 the day of the hearing. 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 22, 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 [9662](#). A second public comment hearing will be held on October 19.

Costen Solar's application is available for public inspection or copying at the Somerset County Department of Planning and Zoning, Somerset County Office Complex (Room 211), 11916 Somerset Avenue in Princess Anne.

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