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## Public Comment Hearing February 18 on Deal Island Solar Project Proposed for Somerset County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Econox Renewables, Inc. to construct a 2.04 MW solar generating facility in Somerset County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence.

In September 2024, Econox Renewables 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 solar facility, intended as part of Maryland's community solar program, would be located on 11 acres of a 60-acre site at 29715-29899 Deal Island Road in Princess Anne.

Those wishing to provide comments at the hearing should sign up in advance to speak by sending an email (referencing Case No. 9753) to [psc.pulj@gmail.com](mailto:psc.pulj@gmail.com) **by noon on February 17, 2025**. Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. Otherwise, a recording of the hearing will be available the next day on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

The hearing will include a presentation by the developer, followed by brief statements on their roles by the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, and the Commission's Technical Staff, and then an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent (**by May 30, 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor,

Baltimore, MD 21202 (only one copy is required). So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9753](#).

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