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Public Hearing July 8 for the Brown Road Solar Project Proposed for Carroll County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Elk Development, LLC to construct a 2.5 MW solar project in Carroll County. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at **Northwest Middle School (Cafeteria), 99 Kings Drive in Taneytown.** Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace will preside.

In November 2024, Elk Development 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 14.8 acres of a nearly 42-acre site at the intersection of Brown Road and Francis Scott Key Highway in Taneytown.

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 in the case.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent (by July 10, 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. [9763](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Carroll County Department of Land and Resource Management, 225 North Center Street in Westminster.

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