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Public Hearings July 21 and 22 for Two Proposed Solar Facilities in Cecil County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on two proposals to construct community solar energy generating projects in different areas of Cecil County. Chief Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence will preside over both hearings - one virtual on July 21 and one in person on July 22.

A virtual public comment hearing on the 2.05 MW Conowingo Creek solar project will be held on **Monday, July 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

In March 2025, Halo Berlin LLC 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 Conowingo Creek solar facility would be built on approximately 16.5 acres of a 73-acre property just south of Rock Springs Road in Conowingo.

In addition to taking comments from the public, the hearings will include a presentation by the applicants, 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 cases and any recommendations.

Those who would like to speak at the virtual hearing must sign up (by July 18, 2025) 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 9785', and the hearing date and time (July 21 at 6:30 p.m.);
- Click 'Next', enter name and email
- Click 'Schedule Event'

Once the sign up process is complete, registrants will receive a Zoom link. Otherwise, the hearing can be watched on the PULJ Division's (MD PSC PULJs) YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

A public comment hearing will be held on **Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** for the 5.0 MW Halo Colora project. Halo Colora applied for a CPCN in December 2024 and plans to construct the project on 21.5 acres of a 115.5-acre property at 308 Theodore Road in Port Deposit.

The hearing will be held at **Cecil College's Technology Center (Room D208B), 1 Seahawk Drive in North East.**

In addition to the hearings, 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 (only one copy is required). So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference either Case No. [9785](#) (Conowingo Creek) or Case No. [9765](#) (Halo Colora).

In addition to the online dockets, both applications are available for public review at the Cecil County Department of Land Use and Development Services, 200 Chesapeake Blvd. (Suite 2300) in Elkton.

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