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Second Public Hearing Scheduled for Solar Facility Proposed to be Sited in Carroll County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are again invited to comment on a proposal by Chaberton Solar Beartooth, LLC to construct a 2.67 MW solar project in Carroll County. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at Exploration Commons (in the Carroll County Public Library), 50 E. Main Street in Westminster. Chief Public Utility Law Judge Chuck McLean will preside. The first public hearing in this case was held in January of this year.

In September 2024, Chaberton Solar Beartooth 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 13.4 acres of a nearly 22-acre site at 1410 Old Westminster Road, near the intersection of Old Westminster Road and Rolling Ridge Drive in Westminster.

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, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel (the state's ratepayer advocate), and the Commission's Technical Staff, as to their respective roles in the case.

Anyone wishing to provide public comment and who is not able to appear in person may request to participate virtually, barring any technical difficulties. Those who would like to speak at the hearing must sign up (by Tuesday, April 29, 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 9752', and the hearing date and time (April 30 at 6:00 pm);
- 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>

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent (by May 5, 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. [9752](#).

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

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