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Second Public Hearing Scheduled for Solar Facility Proposed for Worcester 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 TPE MD WO73, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar project in Worcester County. The hearing will take place on **Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Berlin branch of the Worcester County Library, 13 Harrison Avenue in Berlin. Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke will preside. The first public hearing in this case was held in May of this year.

In December 2024, TPE MD WO73 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 35.5 acres of a 137-acre site located ½ mile northwest of the intersection of Old Ocean City Boulevard and Main Street in Berlin.

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 and recommendations in the case.

Barring any technical difficulties, the hearing will be live-streamed and a recording posted 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 August 29, 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. [9772](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Worcester County Government Center, 1 W. Market Street (Room 1201) in Snow Hill; and at the Town of Berlin's Administrator's Office, 10 William Street in Berlin.

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