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Second Public Hearing Set for Solar Facility Proposed in Somerset County
In-person session June 26 for 4.0 MW Rosehip Cleantech project

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposed 4.0 MW solar facility that Rosehip Cleantech, LLC has applied to build in Somerset County. The hearing will take place on **Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Henson Conference Center (Room 111820) in Princess Anne. Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace will preside.

Rosehip Cleantech has 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 project will be constructed on approximately 18.3 acres on the north side of West Post Office Road, west of the intersection of Petes Hill Road and West Post Office Road. The project will include an 8 MW battery energy storage system and will interconnect to the facilities of Choptank Electric Cooperative.

The hearing will open with presentations by the project developer, as well as the Department of Natural Resources Power Plant Research Program, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, the Maryland Public Service Commission's Technical Staff, and the Somerset County Board of Commissioners, followed by an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project. The first public hearing in this case was held virtually on March 22, 2023.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission's online portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary, 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. [9684](#).

The application is available for public inspection/copying at the Somerset County Department of Planning and Zoning, County Office Complex (Room 211), 11916 Somerset Avenue in Princess Anne.

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