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Virtual Public Hearing March 19 on 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 the 2.5 MW Brown Road solar facility in Carroll County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7 p.m.** Chief Public Utility Law Judge Chuck McLean 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 or high-voltage transmission line in Maryland. According to the application, the solar facility, intended as part of Maryland's community solar program, would be built on approximately 15 acres of a nearly 42-acre property near the intersection of Brown Road and Francis Scott Key Highway north of Taneytown.

The hearing will begin with a presentation by Elk Development, followed by public comments.

Those who would like to speak at the hearing should sign up (by Tuesday, March 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 9763', and the hearing date and time (March 19 at 7 pm);
- Click 'Next', enter name and email
- Click 'Schedule Event'

Once the sign up process is complete, registrants will receive a Zoom link.

A recording will be available on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

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/](#), 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**.

Elk Development's application for this project and all other filings in this case can be found in the electronic docket for Case No. [9763](#).

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