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## Virtual Public Hearing Scheduled for Solar Facilities Proposed for Garrett County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Bloomington Hill 1, LLC and Bloomington Hill 2, LLC to construct two solar generating facilities totaling 9.9 MW in Garrett County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Public Service Commission has delegated this case to its Public Utility Law Judge Division; Public Utility Law Judge Amy E. Schaeffer will preside over the hearing.

In September 2025, the developer - TotalEnergies Renewables USA - applied to the 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 projects on approximately 49 acres of a 72-acre property on Bloomington Hill Road near the intersection with MD Route 135 in Bloomington.

The projects are intended to be part of Maryland's community solar program and will generate credits to be allocated to community solar subscribers within Potomac Edison's service territory.

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 in the case.

Those who would like to speak at the hearing must sign up (by March 2, 2026) through the Calendly app on the Commission's website, [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us):

- From the home page, scroll down to 'Comment on a Case' on the left;
- Click the link for 'Learn More';
- Scroll down to the Calendly app and click on '9812-Bloomington Hill 1 and 2 (CPCN)';
- Click on the hearing date (March 3);
- Click on the time (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. Barring any technical difficulties, the hearing can also be watched on the PULJ Division's (MD PSC PULJs) YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/@mdpscpuljs327>

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission's online portal at: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/online-services/file-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, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. [9812](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Garrett County Planning and Land Management Division, 203 South Fourth Street (Room 207) in Oakland.

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