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Virtual Public Hearing March 3 on Solar Facility Proposed for Caroline County

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Chaberton Solar Pahar, LLC to construct a 3.0 MW solar facility in Caroline County. The virtual hearing will take place on **Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7 p.m.** Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke will preside.

In October 2024, Chaberton Solar Pahar 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 19 acres of a nearly 43-acre property near the intersection of Idlewild Road and Laurel Grove Road in Federalsburg.

The hearing will include a presentation by Chaberton and statements from the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel, the Commission’s Technical Staff, and the Caroline County Commissioners, followed by an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed project.

Those who would like to speak at the hearing should send an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon on Friday, February 28, 2025. Participants will get an email with a link to the virtual platform. 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. [9759](#).

In addition to the online docket, the application is available for review at the Federalsburg Branch of the Caroline County Public Library, 123 Morris Avenue in Federalsburg.

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