

HERMAN HIGHWAY SOLAR 1, LLC'S
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO
CONSTRUCT A 3.0 MW SOLAR
PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATING FACILITY IN
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

* BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
* OF MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 9817
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July 30, 2026

**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE'S
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

On September 30, 2025, Herman Highway Solar 1, LLC ("Applicant") filed an Application ("Application") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct a 3.0 megawatt alternating current capacity community solar energy generating facility utilizing solar photovoltaic modules on a ground-mounted tracker racking system with associated interconnection facilities located in Kent County, Maryland ("Project") pursuant to Md. Public Utilities Article ("PUA") §§ 7-207 and 7-218.¹ The proposed Project is anticipated to occupy approximately 29 acres of an approximately 85-acre parcel located at Augustine Herman Highway, Kennedyville, Maryland, described by Tax Map 0021, Grid 0002E, Parcel 0267 in Kent County, Maryland. The approximate center of the Project site is located 39.3012368593718, -76.005047399167.

An evening hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments in connection with the Application is hereby scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, October 15, 2026
6:30 p.m.**

**Comfort Inn & Suites Chestertown
150 Scheeler Road
Chestertown, Maryland 21620**

¹The Application is available for public inspection or copying at the Kent County Department of Planning and Zoning, 400 High St., Chestertown, Maryland 21620. Additionally, the Application and other pleadings in this matter may be viewed or downloaded from the electronic docket file (9817) available through the Commission's website, <https://psc.maryland.gov/>.

The hearing will begin with a presentation of the proposed Project by the Applicant; followed by a presentation by the Department of Natural Resources, Power Plant Research Program (“PPRP”) of its recommendations with respect to the proposed Project; and followed by the Technical Staff of the Public Service Commission of Maryland (“Staff”) as to its recommendations regarding the proposed Project.

If any member of the public is unable to attend in-person but would like to participate virtually, they may sign up through the Public Service Commission of Maryland’s (the Commission’s) website <https://psc.maryland.gov> by Tuesday October 13, 2026. On the Commission’s home page, scroll down until reaching the section titled “Comment on a Case.” Under that section, click the link for “Learn More.” On the next page, scroll down to the Calendly application. Scroll to the entry for “9817-Herman Highway Solar 1 (CPCN)” and take the following steps: click the box for “9817-Herman Highway Solar 1 (CPCN)”; click on October 15, 2026; select 6:30 p.m. and click on “next”; and enter your name and email address and click “Schedule Event.” You will receive a zoom link for the meeting once you have completed the sign-up process. Otherwise, barring technical difficulties, the hearing will be streamed live for viewing via the Public Utility Law Judge Division’s YouTube Channel.²

Written comments on the proposed Project may be submitted electronically or by first-class mail through **October 19, 2026**. Instructions for submitting written and electronic written comments can be accessed by going to the Commission’s home page at <https://psc.maryland.gov/>, scrolling down to the section titled “Comment on a Case” and clicking the link for “Learn More.” The instructions can also be accessed via the following link: <https://psc.maryland.gov/online-services/file-a-public-comment/>. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission’s e-file system, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://webpscxb.psc.maryland.gov/DMS/E-file-pc>. Commenters utilizing the Commission’s e-file system are required to complete a one-time registration. If submitted by first-class mail,

² <http://www.youtube.com/@mdpscpljs327>.

comments must be addressed to Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Only one copy is required. All comments must include a reference to **Case No. 9817**.

The Applicant is hereby directed to:

- Once in each of the four successive weeks immediately before the public hearing date:

Publish notice of the hearing, including the case caption, case number, location of the proposed Project, time, date, and location of the hearing, as a display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation throughout Kent County, including in the notice how members of the public may participate or view the hearing, as well as the methods and date by which written comments may be submitted; and

Post on at least two routinely used social media platforms, such as Facebook or X (f/k/a Twitter), and use any other reasonable means of communications at its disposal to further notify Kent County residents/businesses of the date, time, and purpose (including the case caption, case number, location of the proposed Project, and link to the PULJ Division's YouTube Channel) of the hearing, and how members of the public may participate or view the hearing, as well as the methods and date by which written comments may be submitted.

- Post continuously on the Applicant's website for the four weeks immediately preceding before the public hearing date, notice of the hearing, including the caption, case number, location of the proposed Project, time, date, and location of the hearing, and how members of the public may participate or view the hearing, as well as the methods and date by which written comments may be submitted.
- Prominently post by 5:30 p.m. on the day of the hearing, an informational sign at or near each public entrance of the Comfort Inn & Suites Chestertown, which shall be at least 17 inches by 22 inches in size, and state the time, room number, and subject of the public hearing in a font size greater than 48 point and as large as the sign allows. The Applicant shall file an affidavit certifying that the necessary properly sized informational sign(s) were posted as directed, including a photograph of the informational sign(s) near or at the public entrances of the building, within two business days after the public hearing.

³ Any party to the matter is also invited to post the Notice of Public Comment Hearing on any website or social media platform that it may have at its disposal to publicize the time, date, and location of the hearing, and the methods and date by which written comments may be submitted.

- File a certificate(s) of publication and a certificate of compliance with all other methods of providing notice set forth herein with the Commission on or before the date of the hearing.

/s/ Amy E. Schaeffer
Amy E. Schaeffer
Public Utility Law Judge
Public Service Commission of Maryland

Reasonable accommodations will be made at Public Service Commission proceedings for qualified persons with disabilities, if requested five (5) days in advance of the proceeding. (Dial 410-767-8000 or 1-800-492-0474 or access the prior numbers through the Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-735-2258.)