

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
POINT REYES ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CON-
STRUCT A 19.84 MW SOLAR PHOTO-
VOLTAIC GENERATING FACILITY IN
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9643

Issued: July 2, 2020

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

On May 13, 2020, Point Reyes Energy Partners, LLC (“the Applicant”) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for authority to construct a 19.84 megawatt (“MW”) solar photovoltaic generating facility in Allegany County, Maryland (the “Project”).¹ The Project also includes an optional 6.4 MW energy storage component. The Project is proposed to be constructed on an approximate 113-acre portion of a 236-acre parcel, Tax Map 0024, Grid 0007, Parcel 0007, owned by the Allegany Coal and Land Company and which had been previously permitted for a surface coal mine.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland* § 7-207, notice is hereby given that an initial public hearing will be held on **August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, via virtual meeting.² The hearing will include a presentation by the Applicant. If you would like to speak at the hearing, please send an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by **12:00 Noon on August 10, 2020**. Otherwise, you may watch the public hearing on the Public Utility Law Judge Division’s YouTube Channel.³ Please direct any questions about the public hearing to psc.pulj@gmail.com.

¹ The application is available for public inspection or copying at the Allegany County Department of Planning and Growth, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, Maryland 21502. Additionally, all pleadings in this matter may be viewed or downloaded from the electronic docket file (9643) available through the Commission’s website, www.psc.state.md.us.

² The meeting will be held through WebEx and participants will receive an email with the link to the virtual meeting.

³ You may access the PULJ Division’s YouTube Channel via the following link to the YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>.

Written comments on the proposed Project may be submitted electronically or by first-class mail. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment Dropbox are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed via the following link: www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment. Commenters utilizing the Public Comment Dropbox are required to complete a onetime registration. All comments must include a reference to Case No. 9643. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Only one copy is required.

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 caption, case number, time, and date of the hearing as a display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation throughout Allegany County, including in the notice a link to the PULJ Division's YouTube Channel, and the methods by which written comments may be submitted; and
 - Post on at least two routinely used social media platforms, such as Facebook or Twitter, and use any other means of communication at its disposal to further notify Allegany County residents/businesses of the date and time of the hearing, the link to the PULJ Division's YouTube Channel, and the methods and date by which written public comments may be submitted.⁴
 - At least four weeks prior to the date of the evening hearing until the day after the evening hearing, post on its home website page (if the Applicant has a website) a notice of the evening hearing in a manner so that an individual need not click the link to determine the date, time, and purpose of the hearing, the link to the PULJ

⁴ Any party to the matter is also invited to post the Notice of Public Hearing on any website or social media platform that it may have at its disposal to publicize the time, date, and YouTube channel link for the hearing and the manner in which written comments may be submitted.

Division's YouTube Channel, and how written public comments may be filed.

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

/s/ Ryan C. McLean
Ryan C. McLean
Chief 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 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 1-800-201-7165.)

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VIA E-MAIL

To All Parties of Record and Interested Persons:

Enclosed is a copy of the "Public Utility Law Judge's Notice of Public Hearing" issued today in the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kathleen Berends

Kathleen Berends
Administrator

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Enclosures