



STATE OF MARYLAND

September 13, 2017

W. Kevin Hughes, Chairman
Public Service Commission
6 St. Paul Center
Baltimore, Maryland 21202


Re: Case No. 9446, In the Matter of the Application of Sol Phoenix Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 2.5 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility in Prince George's County, Maryland

Dear Chairman Hughes:


In accordance with Section 3-306(b) of the Natural Resources Article and the process described in Section 7-207 and 7-208 of the Public Utility Companies Article, we are enclosing our preliminary recommendation in Case Number 9446 on behalf of the Departments of Natural Resources, Environment, Agriculture, Transportation, Commerce, and Planning, and the Maryland Energy Administration. Our recommendation and proposed conditions relate to the application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) by Sol Phoenix Solar, LLC to construct a nominally rated 2.5-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Based on our review of the application and associated environmental information available to date, we have concluded that the site is suitable, that the proposed land use is not in conflict with local zoning and the project is following the Mandatory Referral process administered by Prince George's County, and that the plant can be constructed and operated in accordance with all applicable environmental regulations provided that the attached recommendations are incorporated as conditions to the CPCN. Our preliminary evaluation of the environmental impacts associated with the proposed facility is summarized in the document titled "Assessment of the Phoenix Solar Project," which has been supplied as an exhibit in this proceeding. At the conclusion of the hearing process and close of the record these conditions will be final. Should these recommendations need to be modified, we will provide our final recommendation and conditions for the project.


Sincerely,




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