

STATE OF MARYLAND

July 15, 2019

Jason M. Stanek, Chairman  
Public Service Commission  
6 St. Paul Center  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

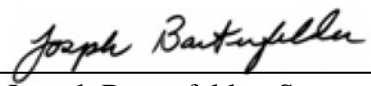
Re: Case No. 9483, In the Matter of the Application of Citizens UB Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 9.9 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility in the Town of Union Bridge and Carroll County, Maryland

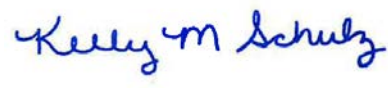
Dear Chairman Stanek:


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 9483 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 Citizens UB Solar, LLC to construct a nominally rated 8.2-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility in Carroll County, Maryland. As originally proposed, the project was to entail constructing a 9.9 MW facility in the Town of Union Bridge and Carroll County, but now has been reduced in size and located almost entirely within the County.

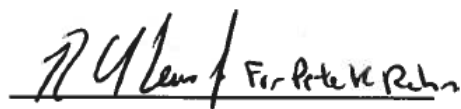
Based on our review of the application and associated environmental information available to date, we have concluded that the site is suitable and that the plant can be constructed and operated in accordance with all applicable environmental regulations provided that the attached recommended license conditions are incorporated into the CPCN. Our preliminary evaluation of the environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with the proposed facility is summarized in the document titled "Project Assessment Report for Citizens UB Solar", which has been provided as an exhibit in this proceeding. At the conclusion of the hearing process and close of the record, these license conditions will be final. Should we modify any of these license conditions before then, we will provide our final recommendation and license conditions for the project. Finally, we encourage Citizens UB Solar to continue discussions with the Town of Union Bridge regarding the annexation of project lands into the town as contemplated by the Comprehensive Plan.

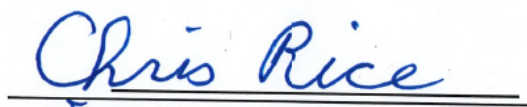
Sincerely,


  
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Department of the Environment

  
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