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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

July 11, 2019

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 generating facility *
in Town of Union Bridge and Carroll County, *
Maryland

Case No. 9483

VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL AND E-MAIL

The Honorable Stephen Wantz
President
Board of County Commissioners
Carroll County Office Building
225 North Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Re: Second Public Comment Hearing - **Corrected**

Dear President Wantz:

Pursuant to Sections 7-207 and 7-208 of the Public Utilities Article, a person must obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Public Service Commission before beginning construction of either a generating station or electric company overhead transmission line designed to carry voltage in excess of 69,000 volts (or exercising the right of condemnation in connection therewith), unless exempted by Section 7-207.1 for certain generating stations up to 70 megawatts ("MW").

Section 7-207, a copy of which is enclosed for your information, also provides for holding a public hearing in the jurisdiction where the facility is to be constructed (§ 7-207(d)). This public hearing is to be held by the Commission and the local governing bodies in the area unless the governing body or bodies choose not to participate.

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On June 8, 2018, Citizens UB Solar, LLC (“Citizens UB Solar”) filed an application with this Commission for the construction of a 9.9 MW solar photovoltaic generating station and associated facilities, a copy of which was previously furnished to you. The application has been docketed as Case No. 9483. However, on April 12, 2019, the Applicant filed a revised Environmental Review Document (“ERD”) that reduces the Project’s physical footprint by removing the portion of the Project that was to be located within the Town of Union Bridge, Maryland, and also reduces the Project’s capacity to **8.172 MW**.¹ The enclosed Public Utility Law Judge's Second Notice of Public Comment Hearing schedules this matter for a second public hearing on August 19, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., and Citizens UB Solar has arranged for the hearing to be held at the Union Bridge Fire Company, 8 W. Locust Street, Union Bridge, Maryland 21791.

I request that you advise me no later than August 14, 2019, whether you and/or any County Commissioner wish to sit jointly with me at the public hearing. If I do not hear from you on or before August 14, 2019, I will assume that neither you nor any Commissioner wish to sit jointly with me; however, either you or any Commissioner may, of course, attend the hearing and present whatever relevant statement you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ryan C. McLean

Ryan C. McLean
Chief Public Utility Law Judge

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

¹ See Maillog 224709, Docket Entry 33 for Case No. 9483. A portion of the Project’s perimeter road and fence remains within the Town of Union Bridge.