

JADE MEADOW III LLC'S APPLICATION
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO
CONSTRUCT A 300 MW SOLAR PHOTO-
VOLTAIC GENERATING FACILITY IN
GARRETT AND ALLEGANY COUNTIES,
MARYLAND

* BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
* OF MARYLAND
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CASE NO. 9769

Issued: March 3, 2025

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

On December 20, 2024, Jade Meadow III, LLC ("Applicant") filed an application ("Application") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for authority to construct a 300 megawatt ("MW") alternating current ("AC") capacity solar energy generating system utilizing fixed-tilt solar photovoltaic ("PV") modules with associated interconnection facilities in Garrett and Allegany Counties, Maryland (the "Project").¹ The proposed Project is to be constructed with a limit of disturbance of 1,852 acres of a total 5,933 acres made up of 32 parcels along Route 36/135 in proximity to Westernport and Barton, Maryland. A small segment (approximately 3500 feet) of an overhead collector line occupying approximately 20 acres is also proposed in Allegany County. The majority of the Project site was previously used for mining.²

Notice is hereby given that an initial public hearing will be held **on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., via virtual meeting**. The hearing will begin with a presentation by the Applicant, followed by brief statements by the Department of Natural Resources, Power Plant Research Program ("PPRP"); Maryland Office of People's Counsel ("OPC"); and the Technical

¹ The Application is available for public inspection or copying at the following locations: Garrett County Department of Community Development, Planning & Land Management Division, 203 South Fourth Street-Room 207, Oakland, MD 21550; Allegany County Department of Planning and Zoning, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD 21502; and the Allegany County Public Library, Westernport, 66 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562. Additionally, the Application and other pleadings in this matter may be viewed or downloaded from the electronic docket file (9769) available through the Commission's website, www.psc.state.md.us.

² More information about the Project is available at the Applicant's website: www.revrenewables.com/jademeadowiii.

Staff of the Public Service Commission of Maryland (“Staff”) as to their respective roles in the case.

If any member of the public would like to speak at the hearing, you may sign up through the Public Service Commission of Maryland’s (“the Commission”) website <https://www.psc.state.md.us/> by Monday, April 14, 2025. Under the “Featured Topics” section on the right side of the website, take the following steps: click on Public Comment Hearing Signup; click on Case No. 9769; click on April 15, 2025; select 7:00 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, a recording will be available on the Public Utility Law Judge Division’s YouTube Channel.³

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: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-publiccomment/>. Commenters utilizing the Public Comment Dropbox are required to complete a one-time registration. All comments must include a reference to **Case No. 9769**. If submitted by first-class mail, 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.

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 Garrett and Allegany Counties, including in the

³ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYK5mu0UMAUOqSQowRq2TIQ/>.

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 X (f/k/a Twitter), and use any other means of communication at its disposal to further notify Garrett and Allegany County residents/businesses of the date and time of the hearing, and the link to the PULJ Division's YouTube Channel, and the methods and date by which written public comments may be submitted.

- 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/Christine L. Burke
Christine L. Burke
Public Utility Law Judge
Public Service Commission of Maryland

Reasonable accommodation 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 1-800-735-2258.)