

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hecate Energy, LLC proposes to construct and operate a 100 megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) solar facility in Pulaski, County, Virginia. The project is located in an area that straddles Route 11 near the Town of Dublin. The project will span 9 parcels of land, totaling approximately 1,056 acres. The preliminary design utilizes approximately 214,596 photovoltaic (PV) solar panels, as well as other related equipment that will cover roughly 578.2 acres of this land (Approximately 54.8%).

The projected plans to utilize industry-standard single-axis tracking technology, meaning the solar panels will track the movement of the sun. This system is a simple modular design consisting of tracker mounted panels and inverters that convert direct current (DC) to AC power. Low voltage wiring connects the inverters to the project substation where transformers boost the voltage to get it into the power grid. The approximate height of the solar panel arrays will be 15 feet.

The solar arrays associated with this project are eligible for a Permit by Rule (PBR) from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The purpose of this public participation is to (i) acquaint the public with technical aspects of the proposed project and how the standards and the requirements of 9VAC 15-60 (Small Renewable Energy Projects [solar] Permit by Rule) will be met, (ii) identify issues of concern, (iii) facilitate communication, and (iv) establish a dialogue between the owner or operator and persons who may be affected by the project.

A 30-day comment period in accordance with 9VAC 15-60-90(C) will begin on **October 1 and end on October 30**. Questions and comments may be sent to the following:

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A Public meeting will be held in accordance with 9VA15-60-90 on October 18, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the following location:
St. Edwards Catholic Church
Fellowship Hall
700 N. Washington Street
Pulaski, VA 24301

Copies of the documentation to be submitted to the DEQ in support of the PBR application will be available to view at the following location for the duration of the 30-day comment period:
Pulaski County Planning and Zoning Office
143 3rd Street NW, Suite 1
Pulaski, VA 24301