



## Bureau of Environmental Health

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**Maura J. Rossman, M.D., Health Officer**

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Geoff Goins  
Division of Zoning Administration and Public Service

**FROM:** Jeff Williams  
Program Supervisor, Well & Septic Program  
Bureau of Environmental Health

**RE:** **BA-19-009**

**DATE:** April 8, 2019

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The Health Department has reviewed the above referenced petition and has the following comments.

1. There are no wells or sewage disposal systems shown on the parcel or serving the house immediately adjacent to the solar area. Health Department will review the area during a building permit application to ensure there are no conflicts with the proposed area and any wells or sewage disposal systems.

Department of Planning and Zoning  
Howard County, Maryland  
Recommendations/Comments

Date: March 11, 2019

Hearing Examiner TBD  
Planning Board \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Appeals \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning Board \_\_\_\_\_

Petition No. BA-19-009 Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner: OneEnergy Development, LLC

Petitioner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Property: SEE PETITION

Return Comments by 03/25/19 to Public Service and Zoning Administration

Owner: (if other than applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Petition: SEE APPLICATION

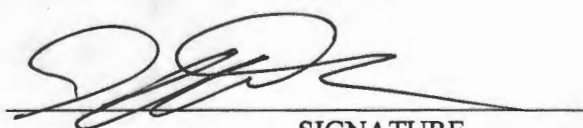
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- To:
- \_\_\_\_\_ MD Department of Education – Office of Child Care  
3300 N. Ridge Road, Ste. 190, EC, MD 21043 (Louis Valenti)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Bureau of Environmental Health
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Development Engineering Division
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Recreation and Parks
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Fire and Rescue Services
  - \_\_\_\_\_ State Highway Administration
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sgt. Karen Shinham, Howard County Police Dept.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ James Irvin, Department of Public Works
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Office on Aging, Terri Hansen (senior assisted living)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Police Dept., Animal Control, Deborah Baracco, (kennels)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Fitzpatrick, Health Dept. (Nursing & Res. Care)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Land Development - (Religious Facility & Age-Restricted  
Adult Housing)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Housing and Community Development
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Resource Conservation Division – Beth Burgess
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Route 1 Cases – DCCP – Kristen O'Connor
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Telecommunication Towers – (Comm. Dept.)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Division of Transportation – Dave Cookson

COMMENTS: PLEASE REVIEW FOR CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA FOUND IN SECTION 131.0 IN THE ZONING REGULATIONS.

*See comment*

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SIGNATURE



**For DPZ Office use only:**  
 BA CASE NO. BA-19-0095  
 Date Submitted 3/7/19

**CONDITIONAL USE PETITION  
 TO THE HOWARD COUNTY HEARING AUTHORITY**

**(This application will only be accepted after a pre-submission meeting. See attached info.)**

**1. Conditional Use Request**

Conditional Use Category Commercial Solar Facility Section 131.N.52  
 Specific Use Requested Commercial solar facility

**2. Name of Petitioner** OneEnergy Development, LLC

Trading as (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address 2003 Western Avenue, Suite 225, Seattle, Washington 98121  
 Phone Number(s) 206-922-7072  
 E-Mail Address kate@oneenergyrenewables.com  
 Name of Principal Contact (If different) Kate Larkin

**3. Counsel for Petitioner** Thomas G. Coale

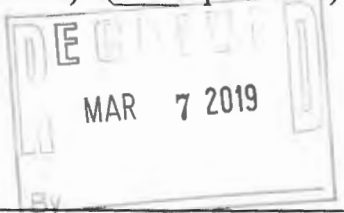
Mailing Address 5100 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042  
 Phone Number(s) 410-964-0300  
 E-Mail Address tcoale@talkin-oh.com

**4. Conditional Use Site Description**

Address/Street for Property 12800 Old Frederick Road, Sykesville, Maryland 21784  
 Tax Map 9 Grid/Block 23 Parcel 19 Lot Tract 1  
 Department of Assessments and Taxation Account No. 03-595834  
 Total Land Area of Property 50 ( X Acres ) ( \_\_\_\_\_ Square Feet ) Check one.  
 Election District 3rd Zoning of Property RC-DEO  
 Subdivision Name and Plat No. (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Land Area of Use (If different than above) 13.65 ( X Acres ) ( \_\_\_\_\_ Square Feet )

**5. Petitioner's Interest in Subject Property**

OWNER (Including joint ownership)  
 OTHER (Described and give name and address of owner)  
 Name of Owner James Hurt, Jr.  
 Mailing Address 12700 Old Frederick Road, Sykesville, Maryland 21784



**If the Petitioner is not the owner, written authorization for this petition from the owner must be submitted.**

## 6. Conditional Use Plan Requirements

If the petition is approved, the conditional use plan will be made a part of the Hearing Examiner's Decision and Order, subject to modifications and conditions required by the Hearing Examiner. The conditional use plan must be drawn to scale and must include the items listed below:

- (a) Courses and distances of outline boundary lines and the size of the property
- (b) North arrow
- (c) Zoning of subject property and adjoining properties
- (d) Scale of plan
- (e) Existing and proposed uses, structures, natural features and landscaping
- (f) Location and surface material of existing and proposed parking spaces, driveways, and points of access; number of existing and proposed parking spaces
- (g) Same as (e) and (f) above, of adjoining properties
- (h) Location of existing and/or proposed well and private septic easement area, if property is to be served by private water and septic facilities
- (i) Election District in which the subject property is located
- (j) Tax Map and Parcel Number(s) of the subject property
- (k) Name of local community in which the subject property is located or name of nearby community
- (l) Name, mailing address, telephone number (and e-mail address, if any) of the Petitioner
- (m) Name, mailing address, telephone number (and e-mail address, if any) of Counsel
- (n) Name, mailing address, telephone number of property owner
- (o) Floor area and height of structures, setback distances from property lines, and other numerical values necessary for the examination of the petition
- (p) Location of subject property in relation, by approximate dimension, to the center line of nearest intersection of two public roads
- (q) Ownership of abutting roads, right-of-way width, and existing pavement width
- (r) Any other information as may be necessary for full and proper consideration of the petition

## 7. Additional Information Requirements

- a. Information regarding noise, dust, fumes, odors, lighting, vibrations, hazards or other physical conditions resulting from the use.
- b. Supporting documentation, such as traffic studies, market studies, and noise studies as may be required by the Department of Planning and Zoning or by the Zoning Regulations.
- c. For expansions and enlargements, previous case number(s) and information regarding compliance with previous requirements and conditions.

## 8. Summary of Request

The following items should be answered by summary statements. If additional space is needed, please attach a Supplement to this petition.

- a. The present use of the subject property Agriculture
- b. Details of the proposed use, including, **where applicable:** types of indoor and outdoor activities; hours of operation; number of employees, occupants, and/or customers; quantity and types of vehicles or equipment used; outdoor lighting to be used; quantities and capacities of materials stored; etc.

See attached Supplemental Statement

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- c. Any additional information which will be useful in the evaluation of whether the conditional use complies with the specific criteria for the conditional use category within Section 131.N.

See attached Supplemental Statement

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- d. Will the conditional use generate any physical conditions such as noise, dust, fumes, odors, lighting, or vibrations which would be discernible from abutting and vicinal properties?

See attached Supplemental Statement

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- e. Will the number of parking spaces be appropriate to serve the use and will the parking areas, loading areas, driveways, and trash receptacle areas be appropriately located and buffered from public roads and residential areas?

See attached Supplemental Statement

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- f. Will the ingress and egress driveway(s) provide safe access with adequate sight distance?

See attached Supplemental Statement

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- g. Are there any environmentally sensitive areas in the vicinity of the property and, if so, will the proposed use have any potential to affect such areas?

Petitioner is not aware of any environmentally sensitive areas in the vicinity of the property.

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- h. Are there any historic sites in the vicinity of the property and, if so, will the proposed use have any potential to diminish the character and significance of such sites?

Petitioner is not aware of any historic sites in the vicinity of the property.

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**9. Prior Petitions**

Has any petition for the same, or substantially the same, conditional use as noted above for the subject property been denied by the Hearing Examiner within twenty four (24) months of the date of this petition?

( ) Yes (X) No

If yes, and six (6) months have elapsed since the last hearing, an affidavit must be attached which states the new and different grounds on which this re-submittal is based.

**10. Additional Materials, Fees, Posting and Advertising Requirements**

- a. Supplemental pages may be attached to the petition. You must submit one original petition with original signatures, and one original of any other signed documents. The following number of sets including petitions, plans and supplemental pages must be submitted:
- *If the subject property adjoins a State road- original and 20 copies (application & plans)*
  - *If the subject property adjoins a County road- original and 18 copies (application & plans)*
- b. The Petitioner signing below hereby agrees to furnish such additional plats, plans, reports or other material as may be required by the Department of Planning and Zoning and/or the Hearing Examiner in connection with this petition.
- c. The Petitioner hereby agrees to pay all costs in accordance with the current schedule of fees.
- d. The Petitioner hereby agrees to properly post the property at least thirty (30) days immediately prior to the Hearing Examiner public hearing; to maintain the public notice posters until the public hearing is concluded; and to submit an affidavit of posting at, or before the time of the initial public hearing. The Petitioner also hereby agrees to advertise the public hearing by means of legal notices as prepared and approved by the Department of Planning and Zoning to be published one (1) time in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in Howard County, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Hearing Examiner public hearing, and to pay for such advertising costs; and agrees to submit two (2) approved certificates of the text and publication date(s) of the advertisement at or before the time of the hearing.

**11. Signatures**

The Petitioner hereby affirms that he/she has read the instructions on this form, filing herewith all of the required accompanying information, and affirms that all of the statements and information contained in, or filed with, this petition are true and correct.

Katelyn Lamm      2/28/2019      OneEnergy Development, LLC      Project Manager  
Signature of Petitioner      Date      Print Name of Petitioner

[Signature]      3/6/19      Thomas G. Coale  
Signature of Attorney      Date      Print Name of Attorney

## 12. General Standards for Conditional Uses

All requests for conditional uses must meet the following general standards set forth in Section 131.B. of the Zoning Regulations for approval:

1. The proposed conditional use plan will be in harmony with the land uses and policies indicated in the Howard County General plan for the district in which it is located. In Evaluating the plan under this standard, the Hearing Examiner shall consider:
  - a. The nature and intensity of the use, the size of the site in relation to the use, and the location of the site with respect to streets giving access to the site; and
  - b. If a conditional use is combined with other conditional uses or permitted uses on a site, the overall intensity and scale of uses on the site is appropriate given the adequacy of proposed buffers and setbacks.
2. The proposed use at the proposed location will not have adverse effects on vicinal properties above and beyond those ordinarily associated with such uses. In evaluating the plan under this standard, the Hearing Examiner shall consider whether:
  - a. The impact of adverse effects such as noise, dust, fumes, odors, lighting, vibrations, hazards or other physical conditions will be greater at the subject site than it would generally elsewhere in the zone or applicable other zones.
  - b. The location, nature and height of structures, walls and fences, and the nature and extent of the landscaping on the site are such that the use will not hinder or discourage the development and use of adjacent land and structures more at the subject site than it would generally in the zone or applicable other zones.
  - c. Parking areas will be of adequate size for the particular use. Parking areas, loading areas, driveways and refuse areas will be properly located and screened from public roads and residential uses to minimize adverse impacts o adjacent properties.
  - d. The ingress and egress drives will provide safe access with adequate sight distance, based on actual conditions, and with adequate acceleration and deceleration lanes where appropriate.

In addition to the specific requirements of the appropriate subsection within Section 131.0.N of the Zoning Regulations, conditional uses within residential developments in the R-ED, R-SC, R-SA-8, R-H-ED, R-APT, R-A-15, R-MH or R-VH districts are subject to the standards enumerated in Section 131.0.C.



**Please access the online application process for the pre-submission meeting by using the link below:**

**[https://pdox.howardcountymd.gov/ProjectDox/workflowforms/Anonymous Form CZ Presub.aspx](https://pdox.howardcountymd.gov/ProjectDox/workflowforms/Anonymous_Form_CZ_Presub.aspx)**

**Pre-Submission Community Meeting**

A pre-submission community meeting is required prior to the initial submittal of a petition for a Conditional Use subject to the same procedures for such meetings as specified in Section 16.128 of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.

Please use the following web address to access the community notification list

[http://data.howardcountymd.gov/HOA\\_Register/GCommunityView\\_new.asp](http://data.howardcountymd.gov/HOA_Register/GCommunityView_new.asp). You will be prompted to enter the three-digit sign code assigned to your development. Once your sign code has been entered, you will be provided with a list of community contacts that have requested information about your development.

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IN RE:	*	BEFORE THE
ONEENERGY DEVELOPMENT, LLC	*	HOWARD COUNTY
REQUEST FOR	*	HEARING EXAMINER
CONDITIONAL USE	*	Case No: BA-_____

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**NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT TO  
CONDITIONAL USE PETITION**

**8. Summary of Request**

**c. Any additional information which will be useful in the evaluation of whether the conditional use complies with the specific criteria for the conditional use category within Section 131.0.N.**

Under Section 131.0.N.52 (Solar Facility, Commercial) of the Howard County Zoning Regulations (the "Regulations"), a Conditional Use for a Commercial Solar Facility may be granted for property located in the RC or RR zone. This use complies with the specific criteria for a Commercial Solar Facility as stated below.

**a. The maximum size of a solar facility shall be 75 acres notwithstanding the size of the parcel. The parcel on which the commercial solar facility is proposed must be a minimum of 10 acres in size.**

The area of the conditional use is 13.56 acres. The parcel on which the Commercial Solar Facility is proposed is approximately 50 acres.

**b. All structures and uses must meet a minimum 50 foot setback from all property lines.**

This criterion is met as shown on the Conditional Use Exhibit.

**c. No structure or use may be more than 20 feet in height.**

No structures exceed 20' in height.

**d. A 'Type D' landscaping buffer must be provided around the perimeter of the proposed commercial solar facility unless the Hearing Authority determines that an alternative buffer is sufficient.**

A Type D landscape buffer is proposed along portions of the conditional use area as demonstrated on the attached Exhibit. There is also significant natural landscaping along the northern borders of the project area that Petitioner would ask to be considered as an alternative buffer. This existing landscape meets or exceeds landscaping that would be required in a Type D buffer.

e. **All security fencing must be located between the landscaping buffer and the commercial solar facility.**

Security fencing will be installed between the landscape buffer and the solar panels.

f. **The systems shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and provisions.**

All systems will comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws.

g. **A commercial solar facility that is no longer used shall be removed from the site within one year of the date that the use ceases.**

Petitioner agrees to comply with this criterion.

h. **The premises shall be maintained at all times in a clean and orderly condition, including the care or replacement of plant materials required in the landscaping plan. The responsibility for compliance with this provision shall be with all parties having a lease or ownership interest in the commercial solar facility. The applicant shall provide the Hearing Authority with details regarding maintenance and access for the site.**

Petitioner agrees to comply with this criterion and will maintain the site in a clean and orderly fashion. Petitioner will submit additional information regarding the maintenance of the Property at the hearing on this matter.

i. **A solar collector or combination of solar collectors shall be designed and located to avoid glare or reflection onto adjacent properties and adjacent roadways and shall not interfere with traffic or create a safety hazard. The petitioner shall include a glare study with the Conditional Use petition.**

A glare study conducted by OneEnergy utilizing the Federal Aviation Administration's approved tool, GlareGauge made available by Forge Solar, is attached to this Petition. This analysis included the modeling of the potential for glare from eleven observation points biased to simulate the views from immediate project neighbors and roadways. The analysis considered site- and project-specific location, topography, and equipment data and determined that no glare would be produced at any time of year. The GlareGauge tool is a conservative analysis of glare potential as the tool does not account for physical obstructions that may exist between the solar facility and the observations points, such as landscape buffers to be installed.

Glare will be further mitigated by the Petitioner's use of single axis tracking, which will ensure that there will be no glare impacts on adjacent properties or roadways. Axis tracking design allows the panels to move and be synchronized with the sun so that they do not reflect glare onto surrounding properties.

j. The applicant shall agree to register all solar collectors with the Department of Fire and Rescue Services. The registration shall include a map of the solar facility noting the location of the solar collectors and the panel disconnect.

Petitioner agrees to comply with this criterion.

k. Tree removal shall be minimized and reforestation shall be done in accordance with Section 16.1026 of the Howard County Code.

Tree removal will be minimized and reforestation will be provided in accordance with Section 16.1026 of the Howard County Code

l. Scenic Views

(1) The applicant shall demonstrate that the solar facility does not harm the scenic characteristics of the view of or from:

A. A public park;

B. A national or state designated scenic byway;

C. A road listed in the Scenic Roads Inventory adopted under Section 16.1403 of the Howard County Code; or

D. A historic structure as defined in Section 16.601 of the Howard County Code.

(2) Visual Impact Analysis Required to Demonstrate Minimal Impact to or from Scenic Views

A. The Conditional Use petition shall include a visual impact analysis mapping all viewshed impacts and any proposed mitigation. This analysis shall include mapped visual impact assessments of all important or critical viewpoints or elevations from which the solar facility can be seen from a fixed vantage point. For purposes of this subsection, A viewshed is a topographically defined area including all critical observation points from which the solar facility is viewed.

B. If the visual impact assessment as mapped particularly interferes with and compromises critical observation points within the viewshed that warrant viewshed protection, the petitioner shall mitigate the view through additional landscaping or other forms of mitigation, including reconfiguration of the solar panels, or as may be required by the Hearing Authority.

C. Fencing along road frontage or the perimeters of the commercial solar facility site where the fencing would be visible shall be constructed of a material and design consistent with the character of the roadway or area.

D. The petition shall include a landscape plan.

Although the location of the site does not front on a scenic road, portions of the parent parcel may be viewed from Old Frederick Road, which is included in the Scenic Roads Inventory. Petitioner has included with this submission a Visual Impact Analysis, which demonstrates minimal impact to the scenic view from Old Frederick Road due to its distance from the site and the local topography.

(The Property is in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program and Petitioner is in compliance with Criteria M. and N.)

This use also complies with the General Standards Required for Approval under Section 131.0.B. of the Regulations:

1. The proposed Conditional Use plan will be in harmony with the land uses and policies in the Howard County General Plan which can be related to the proposed use.

The proposed Commercial Solar Facility is consistent with the PlanHoward 2030 and the land uses prescribed for the RC zone. Policy 4.12 specifically supports the development of renewable energy resources such as solar power.

2. The nature and intensity of the use, the size of the site in relation to the use, and the location of the site with respect to streets giving access to the site are such that the overall intensity and scale of the use(s) are appropriate for the site.

Access to the site is from Old Frederick Road, which is a major arterial road. This is a low intensity use that is appropriate for the site and the surrounding community, as it does not require water, sewer, or roadway improvements, does not produce sound, emissions or traffic, and is sized to occupy one field on a portion of a larger property that will be largely and immediately shielded from surrounding views due to existing topography and vegetation.

3. The proposed use at the proposed location will not have adverse effects on vicinal properties above and beyond those ordinarily associated with such uses. In evaluating the proposed use under this standard, the Hearing Authority shall consider whether or not:

a. The impact of adverse effects such as, but not limited to, noise, dust, fumes, odors, intensity of lighting, vibrations, hazards or other physical conditions will be greater at the proposed site than it would generally be elsewhere in the same zoning district or other similar zoning districts.

The solar facility at the proposed location will not have adverse effects on vicinal properties above and beyond those ordinarily associated with the use. As indicated above, Petitioner will be utilizing single axis tracking design, which will ensure that there will be no glare impacts on adjacent properties or roadways. In this respect, Petitioner's proposal will have less adverse impacts on the vicinal properties than what may be ordinarily associated with a Commercial Solar Facility that does not have axis tracking. The use will not produce dust, fumes, odors, lighting vibrations or other hazards.

b. The location, nature and height of structures, walls or fences, and the nature and extent of the existing and/or proposed landscaping on the site are such that the use will not hinder or discourage the development and/or use of adjacent land and structures more at the subject site than it would generally elsewhere in the same zoning district or other similar zoning districts.

The area of the conditional use is 13.56 acres in size. The conditional use area will be enclosed with up to an eight-foot fence with landscaping installed between the fencing and the property line so that the solar panels and the fencing are adequately screened from the view of vicinal properties and the roadways. In addition, the project has been

conscientiously setback from area roadways and residential uses and within an area currently and largely screened from view by existing vegetation and topography. The location, nature, and height of fences and solar panels are such that the use will not hinder or discourage the development and use of adjacent land.

c. The number of parking spaces will be appropriate to serve the particular use. Parking areas, loading areas, driveways and refuse areas will be appropriately located and buffered or screened from public roads and residential uses to minimize adverse impacts on adjacent properties.

This use does not require parking spaces.

d. The ingress and egress drives will provide safe access with adequate sight distance, based on actual conditions, and with adequate acceleration and deceleration lanes where appropriate. For proposed Conditional Use sites which have driveway access that is shared with other residential properties, the proposed Conditional Use will not adversely impact the convenience or safety of shared use of the driveway.

There is safe access and adequate sign distance providing access to the Site.

e. The proposed use will not have a greater potential for adversely impacting environmentally sensitive areas in the vicinity than elsewhere.

Petitioner is not aware of environmentally sensitive areas in the vicinity of the site. Moreover, the Petitioner is not aware of any potential impact the solar facility would have on any proximal environmentally sensitive areas, as the solar facility does not require any water or sewer infrastructure, does not produce sound, glare, emissions or traffic, and will be designed to mitigate any stormwater runoff and soil or sediment erosion.

f. The proposed use will not have a greater potential for diminishing the character and significance of historic sites in the vicinity than elsewhere.

Petitioner is not aware of historic sites in the vicinity of the proposed Commercial Solar Facility.

**8.d: Will the conditional use generate any physical conditions such as noise, dust, fumes, odors, lighting, or vibrations which would be discernible from abutting and vicinal properties?**

The proposed use will not generate physical conditions such as noise, dust, fumes, odors, lighting, or vibrations that would be discernible from abutting and vicinal properties and will not create any adverse impacts greater at the Property than elsewhere in the zone or applicable other zones.

James P. Hurt, Jr.  
12800 Old Frederick Road  
Sykesville, MD 21784

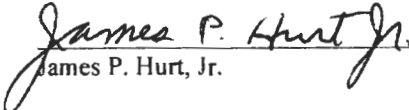
February 16, 2019

Howard County Planning & Zoning  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Re: Conditional Use Petition – Commercial Solar Facility  
12800 Old Frederick Road, Sykesville, Maryland 21784  
Tax Map 9, Grid 23, Parcel 19, Tract 1, Subdivision 0002

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as documentation of permission from the property owner of the above referenced parcel to allow OneEnergy Development, LLC to submit the accompanying Conditional Use Petition. I am aware of the filing of this petition and support the request.

  
James P. Hurt, Jr.

February 16, 2019  
Date

List of Adjoining and Confronting Property Owners/One Energy Renewables—  
Conditional Use

Subject Property: 12800 Old Frederick Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784  
Tax Map 9, Grid 23, Parcel 19, Tract 2  
and  
700 Route 32  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784  
Tax Map 9, Grid 3, Parcel 94

Adjoiners—12800 Old Frederick Road:

Parcel 336/  
Lot 8: Andrew and Ashley Royle  
1455 Coventry Meadows Drive  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 336/  
Lot 9: Kurt and Christine Hinds  
1465 Coventry Meadows Drive  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 176: Gertrude E. Sewell, Trustee  
13000 Old Frederick Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 352: Arnold Montgomery Sewell, Trustee  
13000 Old Frederick Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 17/  
Lot 2; Scott D. Butler  
12900 Old Frederick Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 19/  
Tract 2: Gerald and Kendra Hurt, Trustees  
12800 Old Frederick Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: 1688 Sam Ryder Road  
Annapolis, Maryland 21012

Parcel 19/  
Tract 3: Gerald and Kendra Hurt, Trustees

12800 Old Frederick Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: 1688 Sam Ryder Road  
Annapolis, Maryland 21012

Parcel 290/

Lot 2: James P. and Arlette Hurt  
12700 Old Frederick Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 18: Frank Edward Rhodes, Jr.  
1500 Route 32  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: 6316 Silvery Star Path  
Columbia, MD 21044

Adjoiners—700 Route 32:

Parcel 99: Ronald and Ida Warfield  
688 Route 32  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 1: State of Maryland  
Hugg Thomas Wildlife Farm  
Annapolis, Maryland 21201

Parcel 65: Abilio and Isabel Machado  
13325 Forsythe Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 66: John J. Scheeter  
13365 Forsythe Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: 4260 Bleinheim Place  
Jacksonville, FL 32225-1646

Parcel 67/

Lot 2: Robert and Elizabeth Taylor  
13375 Forsythe Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: 19050 New Hampshire Avenue  
Brinklow, MD 20862

Parcel 70: William C. Barker  
13415 Forsythe Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: P.O. Box 44  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 36: David and Mary Garratt  
13445 Forsythe Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1198  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 175/  
Lot 3: Ralph and Lori Ferraro  
964 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 175/  
Lot 2: Efrain and Diana Hernandez  
956 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 175/  
Lot 1: Robert Corbin  
Michael Corbin  
948 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 347: Jeffrey and Cheryl Warfield  
940 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: 930 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Parcel 104: Ethel L. Warfield, Trustee  
c/o Ronald Warfield  
910 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

Mailing address: 688 Sykesville Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

- Parcel 94/  
Lot 2: Charles and Kimberly Warfield  
900 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
- Parcel 79: Susan Loper  
810 Route 32  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
- Parcel 115: Sally Lazewski Roby  
825 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
- Parcel 316/  
Lot 3: Kazam and Farah Ali  
835 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
- Parcel 116: David and Marion Malat  
845 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
- Parcel 122: Cheryl and Jonathan Follmer, Jr.  
855 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
- Parcel 120: Cheryl and Jonathan Follmer, Sr.  
875 Day Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784
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- Parcel 137: Jay Switzer  
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- Parcel 38: Linda C. Gondeck  
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- Parcel 141: Wayne J. Straight

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School Principals

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12500 Frederick Road  
West Friendship, Maryland 21794  
Attention: Kaye Breon, Principal

Mount View Middle School  
12101 Woodford Drive  
Marriottsville, Maryland 21104  
Attention: Allen Cosentino, Principal

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Attention: Tammy Goldeisen, Principal

PTA Presidents

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Notice of Pre-Submission Community Meeting

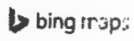
In accordance with Section 131.0 of the Howard County Zoning Regulations, this is notice that OneEnergy Development, LLC, Petitioner, intends to submit Conditional Use Petitions for two (2) commercial solar facilities. The subject properties consist of two (2) parcels totaling approximately 196.4 acres, more or less, and are located as follows: 12800 Old Frederick Road, Sykesville, Maryland 21784 (Tax Map 9, Grid 23, Parcel 19, Tract 1) and 700 Route 32, Sykesville, Maryland 21784 (Tax Map 9, Grid 3, Parcel 94) (see enclosed site location map). The subject properties are currently zoned RC-DEO (Rural Conservation-Density Exchange Option). The proposed Conditional Use Plans are for commercial solar facilities.

You are invited to attend a pre-submission community meeting to meet with the Petitioner, who will provide information concerning the Petition, and to ask questions, make comments and discuss this project.

The presubmission community meeting will be held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 1391 Sykesville Road (Route 32), Sykesville, Maryland 21784.

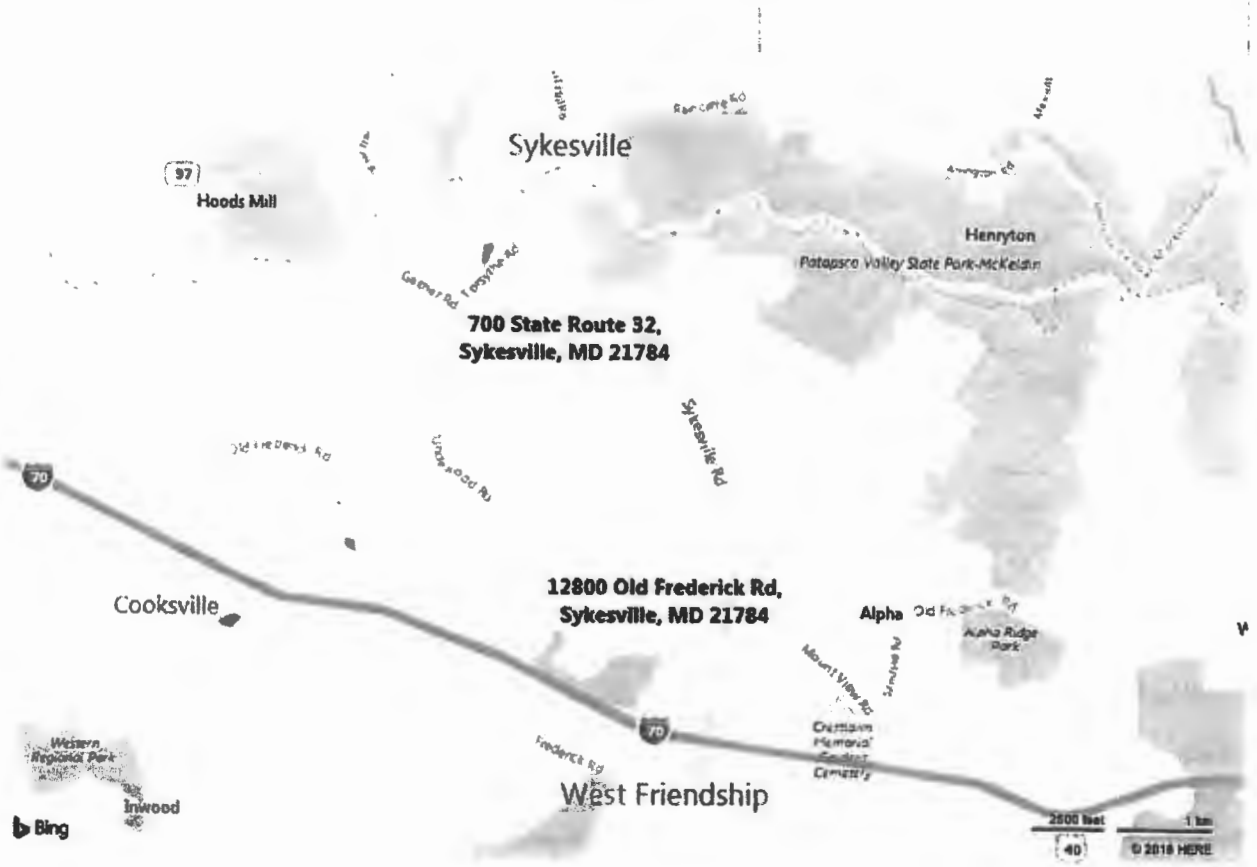
General information regarding the pre-submission community meeting can be found on the Department of Planning and Zoning's webpage at:  
[http://data.howardcountymd.gov/Search\\_Plans/Search\\_Plans\\_Web.aspx](http://data.howardcountymd.gov/Search_Plans/Search_Plans_Web.aspx)

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may contact Tom Coale at (410) 964-0300 to receive meeting minutes and follow-up correspondence.



12800 Old Frederick Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784

Location: 39.3248, -76.9571



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ONEENERGY DEVELOPMENT, LLC – CONDITIONAL USE

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A Pre-Submission Community Meeting was held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church.

The following people were in attendance at that meeting of behalf of the Petitioner:

Tim Ahrens (*Petitioner*), Marni Carroll (*Petitioner*), Rob Vogel (*Engineer*), and Thomas G. Coale (*attorney*).

After a brief presentation by Petitioner of its request for a commercial solar facility at 12800 Old Frederick Road, Sykesville, MD (the "Old Frederick Property"), the following questions and answers were provided:

- 1) Is this Old Frederick or Frederick Road
  - a) Old Frederick
- 2) How long is the driveway?
  - a) Over 1,000 feet long
- 3) We may not even see if from Old Frederick Road?
  - a) As part of the CU package, we will submit a visibility study to show what is visible from Route 99, which is a scenic road.
  - b) If the panels are visible, we will need to show how it is visible and mitigate the visible impact.
  - c) We think it is unlikely you will be able to see the panels from Old Frederick Road.
- 4) Is this the driveway associated with the old farmhouse?
  - a) No
- 5) Where is 32?
  - a) (Indicated on the plan)
- 6) How many acres will be used for the panels?
  - a) Total area of panels is 13.5 acres
- 7) My farm is right next to the proposed site. Will there be a buffer?
  - a) 50 feet setback
  - b) There will also be landscaping and fencing. The fence will be 6' high. The material of the fence has not yet been determined.

- c) Type D landscape buffer is required, which is the thickest required under Howard County zoning.
- 8) Is this fence going to be 6 feet high with barbed wire?
  - a) Material of the fence and has not yet been determined. We will be working to decide what style is most appropriate for the project.
  - b) We would look forward to discussing fence materials with community members.
- 9) Define a type D buffer.
  - a) Don't have them memorized. It is a heavy buffer. Deciduous and evergreen trees.
  - b) Double row of evergreens. 20 feet on center. Every 60 feet a deciduous tree.
  - c) Planted at 6-7 foot height
- 10) When do you ask community for preferences on landscaping?
  - a) Now.
- 11) What is the anticipated height of the panels?
  - a) 8 foot high at max. 5 feet high when horizontal
- 12) Will the panels be pointed toward Old Frederick Road?
  - a) Facing east in the morning and west in the afternoon
- 13) Where will BGE interconnect be?
  - a) (Indicated on the plan)
- 14) Are you leasing that land?
  - a) Yes. For 25 years with extensions
- 15) Who owns the panels?
  - a) Clean Choice/One-Energy
  - b) Owners of property do not own the system
- 16) Is this property in Agricultural Preservation?
  - a) Yes.
- 17) What was the result of the Agricultural Preservation Board?
  - a) Favorable. Minutes are online
- 18) Zoning Regulations require that the advisory review minutes made be available at Presubmission Community Meeting.
  - a) The Regulations Require that the advisory review be made available at the meeting. The advisory review was supportive and there were no additional advisory comments.
  - b) Petitioner will voluntarily share its Agricultural Preservation Board submission and the written comments of the Board with the attendees.
- 19) I believe this project is predatory on farmers.
- 20) Have any other projects?
  - a) Yes.
- 21) Want the address of the other projects?
  - a) We are complying with all elements of the Zoning Regulations regarding this project.
  - b) We appreciate the interest in finding out more about the other projects, but will not be providing that information.
- 22) Single-axis rotating or Aspen?
  - a) Aspen
- 23) Would you explain to people what community solar is? It is something many of us is tracking and we understand One Energy is very well established and is working well with groups across Maryland.
  - a) Tim Ahrens described community solar. Those interested can subscribe to the project.

- b) Average discount of up to 10% from existing energy bills.
- 24) What is the size?
  - a) 2 megawatts; 13.5 acres
- 25) How big is the whole farm?
  - a) 50 acres
- 26) Does the residual farm have to meet a certain soil quality?
  - a) No.
- 27) What happens if One Energy doesn't do well? What happens to the panels?
  - a) Entity that owns the property has incentives to keep it running
  - b) Once the investment is there, the system is guarantee to generate energy.
  - c) County will customarily require a bond that would cover the cost of removal if OneEnergy was suddenly unable to remove the panels itself.
- 28) Will we have access to the lease between property owner and petitioner?
  - a) We do not plan to share that document.
- 29) You're saying that in 25 years the property can be returned to farmland?
  - a) Yes, unless the lease is renewed.
- 30) Is this a PPA arrangement?
  - a) No. This is community solar.
- 31) Estimated cost for this project?
  - a) Range of \$3-\$4 million
- 32) What's the advantage for the property owner to do community solar instead of PPA?
  - a) Community solar allows smaller parcels.

After a brief presentation by Petitioner of its request for a commercial solar facility at 1391 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, MD (the "Route 32 Property"), the following questions and answers were provided:

- 1) What is planned for the dark grey area of plan?
  - a) That's a lay down area. Will only be used during the construction phase.
- 2) Where is the existing driveway?
  - a) (Indicated on plan)
- 3) Do solar panels increase or decrease property values for surrounding parcels?
  - a) I don't know.
- 4) Which households are eligible to participate in community solar?
  - a) Available for BGE customers only.
  - b) One Energy sells subscriptions with a priority for those immediately closest to project and radiating outward
- 5) Who pays the delivery charge?
  - a) OneEnergy pays the supply charge
- 6) How long in general does construction take? What kind of increased traffic can we expect?
  - a) Construction is phased. 4 months start to finish. Varying crew sizes throughout that time - more on site when they are setting panels. Less when they are setting the posts.
- 7) How tall are the panels?
  - a) Flat - 5 feet. Vertical - 8 feet
- 8) Will anything grow under panels?

- a) OneEnergy follows what's called a "pollinator friendly solar" standard for plantings under the panels.
- b) This will include multi-blooming flowering species
- 9) Could you provide list of plantings around panels?
  - a) (Provided some species names)
- 10) Will there be any stormwater runoff studies?
  - a) County and state will require stormwater management. State has a policy specific to solar.
- 11) Our property is next door and has an existing stormwater problem from that property.
  - a) (Engineer asked for contact information to follow up on whether this issue may be addressed)
- 12) A statement from Route 32 Property owner Buck Warfield was read to the attendees, which explained the reasons why this solar project is being pursued and what it would mean for the sustainability of his farm.
- 13) My sister lives near property. She doesn't access internet.
  - a) We will mail information to her
- 14) Do you need other properties for solar panels?
  - a) We appreciate your interest, but not right now.
- 15) Community solar is limited to 350 sites, correct?
  - a) Yes.
- 16) Could you include the rules for how to subscribe to community solar in the email to attendees?
  - a) We will circulate information about how to subscribe
  - b) There will be a campaign of outreach after the project is underway
- 17) Are there rules for community solar and who can subscribe?
  - a) There are rules for community solar, but not rules that say who can subscribe. That is a company policy/approach to obtaining subscriptions.
- 18) You still get a bill from BGE?
  - a) Yes.
- 19) Any special accommodation for low income families?
  - a) There is a component of the program for that.
- 20) What happens if other Agricultural Preservation property owners want to do the same thing?
  - a) Nothing stopping that.
  - b) There are limitation on number of community solar projects and what the existing infrastructure can support. Physical capacity on the lines themselves
  - c) Not every parcel would work for solar.
- 21) Owning a farm next to this property, we may not be able to do solar because of this project?
  - a) The lines would need to be studied. If the project would put the lines beyond capacity, the entity proposing an additional project would have to pay to expand capacity.
- 22) The existing infrastructure could be expanded by the applicant, which means the infrastructure is not limiting.
- 23) What is the discount from existing energy costs?
  - a) Up to 10%
- 24) Would that be for the duration of the project?
  - a) Impossible to project what future energy costs will be.
- 25) Isn't that the problem? What if solar is no longer viable?

- a) County will require that panels be removed if this project is no longer viable.
- 26) Have you evaluated property values of those in proximity to solar?
  - a) No.
- 27) Old Frederick Road wildlife lands in fields and eat crops. I've heard that birds flying over solar panels can be killed by reflection. Have you done any studies on these things?
  - a) There is a style of solar that will use mirrors, which has been found to sometimes be harmful to birds.
  - b) These are not those types of panels - they absorb the energy. Bird injury is not feasible or possible with these panels.
- 28) How much of a disruption do these panels cause to wildlife?
  - a) Minimal. Animals are very adaptive.
  - b) Some solar projects are beneficial to habitat
  - c) Pollinators will also benefit the surrounding habitat.
- 29) Deer come onto this property. Also concerned about taking property out of agricultural production. Concerned about grass growing underneath to prevent erosion.
- 30) Any sound?
  - a) No.
- 31) Any light?
  - a) No lighting.

Meeting ended at 7:34 pm

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING  
Pre-submission Meeting**

**Case: One Energy Development, LLC**

STATE OF MARYLAND)

COUNTY OF HOWARD )

I, Matthew Ahearn, HEREBY CERTIFY that to the

best of my information, knowledge and belief the property which is the subject of the above-captioned petition has been posted in accordance with the following requirements of the Department of Planning and Zoning:

1. The poster(s) shall be erected and shall remain on the subject property for three weeks prior to the pre-submission meeting.
2. The poster(s) shall be erected using 2 wooden stakes, one on each side of the poster.
3. The poster(s) shall be placed at the location indicated by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

I further certify that the poster(s) has been posted at least 21 days immediately prior to the pre-submission meeting scheduled for **February 4, 2019** giving notification of the place, date and time of the meeting.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

Petitioner's/Agent's Signature



Notary Public: Ann M. England

My Commission expires: 5/16/2020

**Note: It is the responsibility of the Petitioner to ensure that all of the Posting requirements have been met. Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in the postponing and rescheduling a meeting in order to ensure the proper posting of the property. It is also the petitioner's responsibility to remove the poster 2 weeks after the meeting.**

