

NEXTERA ENERGY TRANSMISSION
MIDATLANTIC INC.'S APPLICATION FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A 500kV
TRANSMISSION LINE ASSOCIATED WITH
THE MIDATLANTIC RESILIENCY LINK
PROJECT IN PORTIONS OF ALLEGANY AND
GARRETT COUNTIES, MARYLAND

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9857

Issued: April 14, 2026

**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE'S
NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On January 30, 2026, NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic, Inc. ("NEET MA" or "Applicant") filed an application ("Application") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for authority to construct the Maryland portion (approximately 35.4 miles of new 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and related facilities) of the MidAtlantic Resiliency Link Project ("MARL") located in Allegany and Garrett Counties, Maryland (the "Project").¹ MARL consists of approximately 107.5 miles of new 500 kV transmission line that will traverse portions of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia.²

On April 9, 2026, a pre-hearing conference was held to discuss any preliminary matters and to set an initial procedural schedule. Appearing at the pre-hearing conference were the following persons: J. Joseph Curran III, Esquire, and Christopher S. Gunderson, Esquire, on behalf of NEET MA;³ Sondra McLemore, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, Power Plant Research Program (PPRP);⁴ Portia Oduro, Assistant People's Counsel, on behalf of the Maryland Office of People's Counsel (OPC); Ruthie Herman, Assistant

¹ Copies of the Application are available for inspection at the Allegany County Library System, Washington Street Branch, 31 Washington Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21502, and at the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County, Friendsville Branch, temporarily located at the Friendsville Senior Center, 947 Community Drive, Friendsville, Maryland 21531. The Application and other pleadings in this matter may be viewed or downloaded from the electronic docket file (9857) available through the Commission's website, psc.maryland.gov.

² Docket ("Dkt.") No. 1, CPCN Application at 1.

³ Counsel also entered the appearances of Susan Schipper, Esquire, Ananya Sinha, Esquire, Anna Galanis, Esquire, and Tracy Davis (pending Maryland Rule 19-217).

⁴ Counsel also entered the appearance of Steven Talson, Assistant Attorney General.

Staff Counsel, on behalf of the Technical Staff (“Staff”)⁵ of the Public Service Commission of Maryland (the “Commission”); and Carolyn Elefant, Esquire, on behalf of requested intervenors Engage Mountain Maryland, Tolson Mountain Farm, LLC, and Henk Brands and Alex Oh.

A certificate of publication for the pre-hearing conference was entered into the evidentiary record as Applicant Exhibit 1.⁶

Petitions to intervene were filed by: William and Elizabeth Lewis;⁷ Levi Sisler;⁸ Frederick Bartlett;⁹ Henk Brands and Alex Oh;¹⁰ Tiffany and Adam Rounds;¹¹ Engage Mountain Maryland;¹² and Tolson Mountain Farm, LLC and each of its members and heirs.¹³ The petitions were considered at the pre-hearing conference and a separate ruling issued.¹⁴

Based on the proposed procedural schedule suggested by the parties, and the discussion at the pre-hearing conference, the following initial procedural schedule is adopted:¹⁵

- Applicant shall file additional environmental reports based on survey results,¹⁶ and address the Applicant’s 10-year plan for meeting forecasted demand pursuant to COMAR 20.79.04.01B by August 31, 2026.
- PPRP shall either file a status update by September 30, 2026 confirming it has received all necessary information, or a motion to modify this procedural schedule if appropriate.
- Staff, OPC, PPRP, and Intervenors, shall file direct testimony and recommended license conditions by July 1, 2027.
- Evening public comment hearings will tentatively be held the week of July 19, 2027, with the exact date, time, and locations to be determined.¹⁷
- A status update shall be filed by the Applicant by August 9, 2027 which indicates, *inter alia*, whether PPRP intends to file supplemental testimony and revised recommended license conditions.

⁵ Counsel also entered the appearance of Kenneth Albert, Assistant Staff Counsel, and Matthew Hall, Assistant Staff Counsel.

⁶ Docket (“Dkt.”) No. 36, Maillog No. (“ML”) 328801.

⁷ Dkt. No 25, ML 328462.

⁸ Dkt. No. 26, ML 328566.

⁹ Dkt. No. 29, ML 328703. Mr. Bartlett filed on behalf of the other joint property owners Mark Sponsky, Buddy Puryear, their heirs and assigns.

¹⁰ Dkt. No. 31, ML 328713.

¹¹ Dkt. No 32, ML 328714.

¹² Dkt. No. 33, ML 328715.

¹³ Dkt. No. 34, ML 328719.

¹⁴ The terms ‘Intervenors’ hereinafter refers to those individuals granted intervenor status in a separate ruling.

¹⁵ This schedule may be modified as necessary.

¹⁶ The Applicant may file environmental reports as they are completed.

¹⁷ The Applicant shall be responsible for securing appropriate venues to accommodate the public in both Garrett and Allegany Counties. An additional virtual hearing may also be scheduled.

- If contested issues remain between any of the Parties as of August 9, 2027, a further procedural schedule will be developed for supplemental, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony, as well as for a contested evidentiary hearing, after consultation with the Parties. This further procedural schedule will address a shortened time frame for responses to any additional data requests.
- If there are no contested issues as of August 9, 2027, an evidentiary hearing will be held on August 23, 2027.¹⁸

The discovery guidelines are as follows:

- Responses to data requests served before July 1, 2027 shall be due within ten (10) business days with objections due within five (5) business days.
- Responses to data requests served on and after July 1, 2027 shall be due within seven (7) business days with objections due within three (3) business days.
- Responses to discovery requests shall be provided electronically to all parties, unless a hard copy of the responses is requested to be served.
- The Parties are directed to consult with each other and attempt in good faith to resolve all disputes prior to making an objection and again prior to filing a motion seeking relief from the Public Utility Law Judge. In the event the Parties are unable to resolve a dispute, the aggrieved party may file a motion for relief within seven (7) business days from service of the written objection. The opponent shall respond to the motion within two (2) business days of service of the motion. The motion and response shall be in letter format and shall each be limited to three (3) pages.

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

¹⁸ The evidentiary hearing will be held at the Commission's offices in Baltimore City, Maryland.