

**Power Plant Research Advisory Commission**  
**May 17, 2017**  
**Renditions Golf Course**  
**Davidsonville, MD**

**Meeting Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
9:15	Continental Breakfast & Networking		
9:45	Welcome and Introductions	<i>Co-chairs will open the meeting and welcome PPRAC members.</i>	Ken Capps and Peter Dunbar
10:00	CPCN's – Current & Anticipated Cases and Topics Related to Utility Scale Solar		
	Recent and Upcoming CPCN Cases: Overview	<i>Speaker will provide an overview of CPCNs under review and those likely to be submitted to the PSC in the near future.</i>	Fred Kelley, PPRP
	Solar Energy Development on Prime Farmland	<i>The use of Class 1, 2 and/or 3 soils for solar energy development is a concern for Maryland's farmers and, in general, the Maryland Eastern Shore. Speaker will provide an overview of recent Maryland Agency interactions and 2017 General Assembly legislation related to concerns about solar energy development on prime farmland.</i>	Matthew Teffeau, MDA
	MD's Heritage Areas	<i>Each of Maryland's 11 Certified Heritage Areas (CHA) is defined by a distinct focus or theme and exhibit tangible evidence of the area's heritage (e.g., historic buildings, cultural traditions, singular natural landscapes, and traditional ways of life as revealed in food, music, and art). The speaker will provide an overview of the MCHA program.</i>	Jen Ruffner, MDP
11:00	Break		
11:15	Pollinator Habitat Designations	<i>As a result of 2017 Maryland General Assembly legislation (see <a href="#">Senate Bill 1158</a>), DNR will conduct evaluations of pollinator benefits with a pollinator-friendly vegetation management standard or pollinator habitat plan implemented on land on which a proposed or an existing ground-mounted solar generation facility is located. DNR, in consultation with the Maryland Department of</i>	Bob Sadzinski, PPRP

Pollinator Habitat Designations (cont.)

*Agriculture (MDA), will designate a solar generation facility as pollinator-friendly if it meets specified requirements and will adopt implementing regulations. **PPRP is seeking to establish a PPRAC Working Group to provide input and feedback into development of the fundamental building blocks of the program.***

11:45 PPRP Spotlight

Coal Combustion Byproducts (CCBs)

*Coal combustion by-products (CCBs) are the products generated from burning coal in coal-fired power plants and can play an important role in the production of cement and concrete. Speaker will overview PPRP's 20 years of work to benefit Western Maryland, highlighting three PPRP success stories."*

Shawn Seaman,  
PPRP  
for  
Paul Petzrick

PPRP Recognitions

Bruce Michael,  
DNR

12:15 Lunch (Provided)

1:00 PPRP Outreach to Local Maryland Governments and other Stakeholders

Improved Communications Efforts Related to the CPCN process

*PPRP values its relationships with the State Agencies, Counties, Cities, Municipalities, the PSC, Applicants and other stakeholders in order to meet its mandate of ensuring that Maryland meets its electricity demands at reasonable costs while protecting the State's valuable natural resources. The speaker will tell PPRAC about some upcoming new tools and processes that will improve communications among stakeholders before, during and after a CPCN.*

Susan Gray,  
PPRP

SmartDG+ Update

*SmartDG+ combines information to save time and make better decisions about where to focus further siting assessments. The speaker will overview enhancements to the tool which can assist Maryland counties, cities, municipalities, power plant developers and others in understanding and planning for new generation.*

Shawn Seaman,  
PPRP  
and  
Susan Gray/  
PPRP

1:30 PPRP Initiatives from the 2017 Maryland General Assembly

Renewable Portfolio Standard Study

*A study of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) and related issues. An interim report is due December 1, 2018, and a final report by December 1, 2019, to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly. (see [House Bill 1414](#)) The speaker will summarize the principal elements of the study. **PPRP is seeking to establish a PPRAC Working Group to provide continuing feedback during the study's development.***

Susan Gray,  
PPRP

Energy Storage Study

*A study of regulatory reforms and market incentives to increase the use of energy storage devices in the State. A final report is due by December 1, 2018, to specified committees of the General Assembly. (see [House Bill 773](#)) The speaker will summarize the principal elements of the study. **PPRP is seeking to establish a PPRAC Working Group to provide feedback during the study's development.***

Steve Estomin,  
Exeter  
for  
Helen Stewart,  
PPRP

2:45 Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

3:00 Adjourn

3:15 CPCN Process Presentation for State Agency Contacts – Optional  
Adjourn 5:00