

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

WHAT:

Public Hearing for Maryland Public Service Commission Case No. 9482 Modification of the C.P. Crane Generating Station. PSC Case No. 9482

WHEN & WHERE:

7pm Monday April 1, 2019

Bowleys Quarters Improvement Association

*1124 Bowleys Quarters Road
Baltimore, MD 21220*

SUMMARY:

The C.P. Crane Generating Station (the “Facility”) operated as coal fired electric generation power plant from 1961-2018. It is located at [1001 Carroll Island Rd, Baltimore County, Maryland 21220](#). The Facility ceased coal electricity generation operations in June 2018 and has been decommissioning the coal burners in preparation to “repower” the Facility to generate electricity from natural gas.

The Facility cannot commence operation of the repowering project without obtaining a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) from the Maryland Public Service Commission (“PSC”). The Facility initiated CPCN approval proceedings on May 31, 2018 and filed a CPCN Application. On June 10, 2018 the [Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER@](#), [Blue Water Baltimore](#), and the [Essex-Middle River Civic Council](#) (the “Environmental Groups”) intervened in the proceeding. These groups are represented by the [Environmental Action Center](#). The Environmental Groups intervened to increase public participation in the process, to obtain more information, and to review the environmental impacts of decommissioning the old plant and the construction and operation of the new one.

The purpose of the CPCN proceedings is for the PSC to examine the application and determine if the project is in the public good and to review the environmental, ecological, socioeconomic, and land use impacts associated with construction and operation of the project. The PSC must consider the project’s effects on air and water pollution and other environmental aspects.

Additionally, under state and local laws the Facility must also obtain the following permits or approvals:

- State Discharge General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity
- State Discharge General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activity
- State Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan

- Baltimore County Building Permit
- Baltimore County Grading Permit
- Baltimore County Stormwater Management Permit
- Baltimore County sediment and erosion control plan for construction activity
- Baltimore County Chesapeake Bay Critical Area plan
- Any other permit, license, or approval from local, state or federal government that is necessary for the construction and operation of this project

As of 2/27/2018, the Facility has not obtained any of the permits or approvals listed above. Additionally, applications for permits and requests for approvals were not included in the Facility's CPCN application. As such the PSC has not reviewed these permits or the environmental and ecological impacts associated with them.

The Facility is seeking approval of the project by May 13, 2019 which will become effective 30 days later if not challenged.

The Environmental Groups are asking that the concerned members of the public attend the public hearing to make their voices heard. Additionally, written comments can be submitted by April 4, 2019 to the PSC at the following address:

Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary,
Maryland Public Service Commission,
6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor,
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Reference "Case No. 9482."

If you would like more information, please contact:

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FURTHER INFORMATION

- Ownership:
 - As of 2018, the Facility was owned by [Avenue Capital Group](#) and [Middle River Power](#).
- Resources
 - MD PSC Website, search Case No. 9482 to view documents generated during the proceeding <https://www.psc.state.md.us/>