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Hello,

Attached is a written copy of my comments I plan to provide this evening for CR- 33 / 35 / 36.

Thank you,

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Catherine / Lime Kiln

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- Hello, my name is John Miller, and I live at 10533 Dorchester Way, Woodstock, right here in Howard County.
- I am with Chaberton Energy, a local Maryland based developer located at 11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 406, North Bethesda, Maryland.
- I want to thank the Council for considering CR-33, CR 35, and CR-36, which is for PILOT Agreements for 3 projects on 2 sites in Howard County.
- The PILOTs we are requesting fully comply with the previously approved PILOTs by the Council.
- Project Catherine is associated with two projects, one a Community Solar and the other an Aggregate Net Energy Metering project, is located at 2000 St. Mary Drive in Cooksville on property owned by the Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church.
- It is on commercially owned property which is currently unused which backs Highway 70. The Project will also serve the Church with a dedicated Behind the Meter Facility, and we have committed to providing the priority access to the subscription to members of the church.
- Project Lime Kiln is a community solar project located at 11959 Lime Kiln Road in Fulton owned by 3 sisters who inherited family land that has been in the family since for over 100 years.
- This project was well received by the neighbors, who have felt threatened by significant residential development in the area. We will also be dedicating ~13 acres to Forest Conservation on site.
- Similar to the previous projects the County had approved PILOT Agreements on, the Community Solar projects will deliver significant savings to local Maryland residents, including Howard County residents, of over an estimated \$2.8M over 20 years.
- The PILOT Agreements will allow for the project to provide these subscriber savings directly to residents and can support us in our efforts to provide a portion of these savings directly to Low to Moderate Income subscribers.

- With the Pilots, we estimate the tax revenue to be approximately \$890K over 20 years.
- The overall tangible financial benefits these projects provide over 20 years are approximately \$3.7M.
- These projects will also support the County's pledge to be a Bee City; the area underneath the panels will be seeded with a native vegetative and pollinator mix, providing additional acres of pollinator habitat in the County to support the bee and pollinators population.
- I am available for any questions the Council may have and look forward to working with you all.