IN THE MATTER OF

Jerry Phillips
Property Owner

19735 Graystone Road White Hall, MD 21161

7th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District

- * BEFORE THE
- * BOARD OF
- * APPEALS OF
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No.: 2018-072-X

ORDER OF REMAND

This matter comes before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals as a *de novo* appeal of the January 3, 2018 decision of Administrative Law Judge John E. Beverungen of the Office of Administrative Hearings related to the above captioned matter. In his Opinion and Order, ALJ Beverungen granted a Petition for Special Exception, with conditions, for development of an 840 kilowatt (kW) A/C ground-mounted solar facility filed herein by Jerry Phillips, purported legal owner, and Forefront Power, LLC, lessee (collectively the "Petitioners"). The subject property is approximately 50.54 acres in size and zoned RC-2. The special exception petition was filed pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") § 4f.101, et seq. to approve a solar facility.

WHEREAS, the Petition for Special Exception, filed September 1, 2017, identified Jerry Phillips as legal owner of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Phillips is the principal of Phillips Development LLC; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Development LLC is the actual legal owner in title of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Development LLC, as owner of the subject property, intends to lease a portion thereof to Forefront Power, LLC for the purpose of constructing a solar facility; and

WHEREAS, Forefront Power, LLC (Co-Petitioner/Lessee) was a Maryland LLC in good standing at the time the Petition for Special Exception was filed; and

WHEREAS, during proceedings before the County Board of Appeals, certain Protestants, through their counsel, H. Barnes Mowell, Esquire, provided evidence indicating that Forefront Power, LLC's charter was or is about to be, forfeited with Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation ("SDAT"); and

WHEREAS, while a business entity is required to maintain its good standing, Petitioners submit a failure in that regard was not deliberate and will be corrected by the filing of the appropriate paperwork with SDAT; and

WHEREAS, the parties herein, to wit, Jerry Phillips, Phillips Development, LLC, Forefront Power LLC, all by and through their attorney, Lawrence E. Schmidt, as well as the Office of People's Counsel of Baltimore County, and the Protestants hereinabove referenced, hereby agree that the matter should be remanded to the Administrative Law Judge for the filing of an amended Petition for Special Exception and for further proceedings thereon as are appropriate and necessary, including a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, by remand and amendment, the amended petition shall be considered as part of and a continuation of the proceedings in Case No. 2018-0072-X, and not considered a new filing and/or different matter; and

THEREFORE, IT IS THIS 16th day of December, 2018 by the County Board of Appeals,

ORDERED that pursuant to the agreement of the parties, the above captioned case number 2018-0072-X is hereby REMANDED to the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County for further proceedings, including the refiling of an amended Petition for Special Exception correcting the identification of the proper Petitioners; and

ORDERED that after such filing, the amended Petition for Special Exception be concluded at a public hearing before the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County within 45 days of the date of this Order.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through 7-210 of the Maryland Rules.

> BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Kendra Randall Jolivet

APPROVED as to substance and form.

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January 16, 2019

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RE: In the Matter of: Jerry Phillips – Property Owner Case No.: 18-072-X

Dear Messrs. Schmidt, Mowell and Demilio:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Order on Remand to the Administrative Law Judge issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*, <u>WITH A PHOTOCOPY PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE CONCURRENT WITH FILING IN CIRCUIT COURT</u>. Please note that all Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

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Administrator

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Jerry Phillips

Brian Maliszewski/ForeFront Power, LLC

Lisa Arthur

Emma Arthur

Lynne Jones

James Baseman

Nancy Clark Vitek

Donna Saucier

Tammy Roth

Kenneth Thompson

Theodore and Joyce Goloboski

Dennis Roth

Cody Roth

Donald F. Dill, Jr.

Jen McGuire

Michael and Marsha Chilcoat

Donna Warren

Jim and Nancy Palm

Richard and Linda Boyce

Donald and Diane Kincaid

Wayne and Harriet McGinnis

Brett McGinnis

Anne Jones

Jay McGinnis

Douglas Shepperd, Sr.

Douglas Shepperd, Jr.

Cindy and David Buschman

Ellie and Doug Price

Lawrence M. Stahl, Managing Administrative Law Judge

Jeff Mayhew, Acting Director/Department of Planning

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