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Public Utilities Commission,

RE: Interconnection and Tariffs for Large Load Customers

Hello,

I, as the typical residential ratepayer, find it unconscionable that I should have to bear any of the cost related to the buildout of the electric grid to support datacenters that are owned and operated by extremely profitable multibillion dollar corporations. These corporations should be required to bear the full cost of building and servicing their datacenters. I derive no real benefits from these grid buildouts and only suffer the downside of having to foot their bill via increased electrical rates.

I agree with Representative Danielle Friel Otten on the following points:

- Protect residential and small business ratepayers in Pennsylvania from absorbing any additional costs created by data centers.
- Require data centers to bear the full cost of any infrastructure upgrades and system impacts they create. These costs can run into hundreds of millions of dollars. Without regulatory or legislative safeguards in place, they are spread across all utility customers, leaving families, seniors, and small businesses to subsidize costs created by the largest energy users.
- Ensure that data centers—not residential ratepayers—are liable for any stranded costs if a facility closes or ends up needing less energy than it asked the utility to supply.
- Require or strongly incentivize large-load customers to self-supply or procure clean, renewable energy and/or battery storage to mitigate environmental and grid-impact concerns.
- Require consideration of all factors affecting the public interest, including affordability and grid reliability, but also public health and environmental impacts, such as emissions, water use, and land use.
- Ensure transparency, public accountability, and stakeholder participation in the final adoption of this model tariff—including feedback from economic justice advocates, consumer advocates, and environmental groups—to ensure fairness beyond just cost allocation.

Regards,

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