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Re: Docket No. M-2025-3054271

I live and work in a small borough called Lansdale. I am an architect and serve on the Environmental Advisory Council and the subcommittee for helping our community move to the use of clean renewable energy as recommended by scientists and the United Nations. Lansdale has our own electric company. We have the power to change where we get our power. All the communities around us do not. We should not be subsidizing larger AI companies who want taxpayers to pay for their power plants fired by fracked gas. They are like Borough's which must purchase or generate their own power, not get it for free!

Electricity generation is not regulated in Pennsylvania, so the tariff only pertains to distribution costs. If approved, the tariff would not protect the public from generation costs which account for roughly 45% of consumer energy bills. Carnegie Mellon and its research partners projected that electricity generation costs will increase by as much as 25% by 2030.

Natural gas would be used to power data centers. Methane leaks occurring at every step of natural gas production, transmission, and distribution exacerbate climate change. Hundreds of thousands of legacy wells leaking methane unchecked further add to the state's contribution to the climate crisis. Continued and even increased natural gas production to power data centers is unacceptable.

PUC's order requires Large Load Customers to contribute to the utility's hardship fund, but provides no relief for residential customers ; this is unfair, especially given the stunning figure cited by Commissioner Barrow that, according to U.S. Census Bureau data, "nearly a quarter of all Pennsylvanians have been unable to pay an energy bill in full in the last 12 months." The fact that there is no agreement on contributions to the hardship fund among all of the commissioners is extremely concerning.

Clearly the new AI requests for power have not been clearly thought out. Please take some time to make a fair decision.