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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

I am submitting this comment to express my deep concern about the growing financial burden being placed on Pennsylvania ratepayers as Big Tech companies rapidly expand their energy-intensive data center footprint across the PJM region. Pennsylvania households and small businesses are already subsidizing significant portions of the grid build-out required to support these facilities, and the decisions currently before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission risk locking in even more cost-shifting onto customers who receive none of the economic benefits of these projects.

The Commission's upcoming decisions will directly influence electric bills, long-term grid reliability, and whether ordinary ratepayers continue to shoulder the costs of transmission upgrades that primarily serve massive, AI-driven hyperscale data centers. These facilities require enormous amounts of electricity and trigger substantial new infrastructure investments, yet the financial responsibility for those upgrades is increasingly being shifted away from the corporations driving the demand and onto the public.

Pennsylvania residents and small businesses should not be required to subsidize private, profit-driven data center expansion. The Commission must ensure that cost allocation is fair, transparent, and aligned with the principle that those who create the need for new transmission infrastructure should pay for it. I urge the PUC to fully evaluate the long-term consequences of these decisions and to protect ratepayers from unjust and unreasonable cost burdens associated with Big Tech's rapid growth in the region.

Sincerely,

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