

The proposed tariffs place undue burden on residential customers who should not be subsidizing data centers' astronomical energy demands. I urge PUC to require data centers to fully fund their own infrastructure, upgrades, and energy costs, at no burden of extra cost to ratepayers. Consistent and affordable utilities are essential for day to day human life. Compromising access and affordability will have negative impact on both residents and businesses, especially for those individuals and businesses that require consistent power for medical devices. The goal should be to prevent higher bills and outages- to put human beings first. Data centers are **not** essential services. They are seeking to parasitize the population to save money, as they have so far proven not to be profitable, and promise no clear longevity. There is inherent risk from all sides in enabling these companies, and there has already been clear precedent set in challenging their predatory behavior- in short, we know that when institutions like PUC stand up to these companies' demands, residents and businesses benefit and grids remain more stable and reliable. We need clear, firm, transparent regulations that ensure "large load" energy users like data centers pay their fair share for grid use and enhancements. Choose to put the wellbeing of the society that depends on your essential services before these predatory companies.

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