

As a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, I do not support the construction of large data centers in the Commonwealth, especially on rural farmland. These facilities place enormous strain on our land, water and power systems, creating the risk of irreversible environmental damage, while offering minimal benefit, if any, to local communities.

If permitted in any respect, the centers should utilize existing unused industrial sites and **MUST** “produce” more than they consume (at least 150% before construction) so there is a **REDUCTION** rather than an increase in energy costs. They should pay a per-gallon fee on all water and wastewater used and sign a contractual requirement to employ local labor. If not, they should be required to fund training programs for future workers at their own expense.

Even a superficial review of history leads me to believe these corporations will **NOT** voluntarily follow suggestions. I am presenting recommendations for these energy consuming giants. Will the PA Utility Commission actually implement **ANY** restrictions on these companies? Probably not. But putting my comment on record may I at least make them think twice before moving into anyone’s backyard. After all, we’re facing a trillion-dollar machine—and sometimes even the biggest players hesitate when the community pushes back.

These data Goliaths talk endlessly about job creation, but what they really want is cheap land with no obstacles. Their shareholders will never have to live with the loud, ugly monstrosities imposing on their resources. No doubt these companies will use threats of lawsuits to intimidate communities into compliance. This is not the behavior of a good neighbor, and Pennsylvania does not need data centers that operate this way.

Respectfully,

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