

RE: M-2025-3054271
Interconnection and Tariffs for Large Load Customers

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Please accept this as my comment to the proposed Docket.

As a member of the public, I'm concerned about the expansion of Data Centers across the state. These centers occupy large areas of land and use considerable amounts of electric & water resources. Prior to allowing these centers to be built, there must be definite guidelines, oversight and concrete answers to questions related to the impact of each center.

My main concern is the impact on the environment, which should be our first priority. The loss of land and wildlife habitat will impact the area for the entire future. Some of these centers will be built on farmlands which currently host native wildlife that benefits the area. What will the consequences be if wildlife is purged from the area?

Water quality is a huge concern. What are the data center's plans for water usage, output, and management? Do those plans benefit the environment, or will they be detrimental to the environment and the residents of the area?

What about light and noise pollution? Will these data centers be a constant source of excessive light and noise in the surrounding area?

The data center companies must minimize any impacts and be held accountable to ensure they are following all environmental laws and regulations.

As for the increase in cost of electricity, I adamantly oppose having the residents of the area share in the cost of electricity for these data centers. Residents are already strapped with rising costs of living; we should not be expected to pay for these multibillion-dollar companies' centers when they have more than enough money to pay for their expenses themselves.

Thank you,

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