



Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Public Utility Commissioners DeFrank, Barrow, Coleman, Yanora, and Zerfuss:

Thank you for advancing the review of the Public Utility Commission's (PUC) Tentative Order proposing a model tariff (Large Load Tariff) to address the grid and customer impacts of large load customers across Pennsylvania. As public health, family, and energy affordability advocates, we encourage the PUC to take an additional step and hear directly from Pennsylvanians through public hearings, much like the important en banc hearing the PUC held last spring on data centers. Given heightened municipal and community awareness of data centers since that hearing, a broader range of public input would allow the Commission to more fully understand the scale of the impact and challenges that Pennsylvania families face as a result of recent changes in electricity demand.

Recent energy costs have been increasing at an unmanageable rate for Pennsylvanians to sustain. Since 2020, according to [U.S. Energy Information Administration findings compiled by Inside Climate News](#), Pennsylvania's electricity prices have increased by an average of over 46% percent, but many households pay much more than the average depending on their electric utility company. When electricity becomes unaffordable, the health and well-being of Pennsylvanians may suffer as many have to choose between keeping the lights on and buying groceries, filling a prescription, or paying rent. Higher electricity rates

increase energy insecurity, and [evidence](#) published in *Health Affairs* shows its association with higher odds of respiratory, cardiovascular, and mental health conditions. The recent electricity price increases are [due in significant part](#) to the development of energy-hungry data centers. [Recent polling](#) has demonstrated that 71% of Pennsylvanians are concerned about the amount of electricity that data centers use. For these reasons, it is imperative that the PUC add a public hearing component to its review of the Large Load Tariff proposal. The PUC's choice to adopt or reject the Large Load Tariff proposal will have a significant impact on Pennsylvanians. The PUC has the authority and duty to protect Pennsylvania ratepayers.

Pennsylvanians deserve to know how these proposals will impact their energy bills. A public input hearing is necessary for informed decision-making and to allow ALL impacted Pennsylvanians a voice in protecting their families' needs.

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

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