

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Docket Number M-2025-3054271 – Tentative Order and Large Load Model Tariff

To whom it may concern,

My name is Char Esser, and I live in Bryn Mawr. I support the PUC in finalizing a strong Model Large Load Tariff to make sure data centers pay their fair share and don't pass on their energy costs to regular people like me. I have lived in Pennsylvania my whole life. I currently work remotely as a legal transcriber.

The costs of living have skyrocketed; the least the PUC can do is ensure that the common people aren't seeing higher energy bills because of AI data centers many of us don't even want. Large load customers/AI data centers should conduct and pay for their own interconnection studies, which help make sure infrastructure buildout to serve a large load/ AI data center is done efficiently and in a way that minimizes costs. Large loads/AI data centers must be required to pay for the costs of remediating and cleaning up their site after closing down. Any costs related to the buildout of infrastructure needed to serve a new large load/AI data center should be fully covered by that large load customer/AI data center, or covered in part if they can prove that other customers also benefit. Therefore, I am asking PUC to create a strong framework for protecting utility customers.

Additionally, I ask the PUC to protect the environment and the health of Pennsylvanians by requiring AI data centers to bring their own, new, clean energy. Recent estimates have found that some gas-powered data centers could emit more greenhouse gases than entire countries, severely worsening the environment and climate crisis. Clean energy is quicker to build and deploy, avoiding concerns of "stranded assets" that are much more likely with the decades-long lifespan of gas-fired power plants. Energy efficiency, grid enhancing technologies, and advanced transmission technologies can also reduce a large load/AI data center's strain on the grid. Clean energy is the future, and I would encourage the PUC to require AI data centers to use it.

As a Pennsylvanian, I am relying on the PUC to create a model Large Load Tariff that protects utility customers, the environment, and public health by making AI data centers cover their own costs and requiring them to use new, clean energy. Thank you for your time.

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