

My name is Leigh and I live in Indiana. I support the PUC in finalizing a strong Model Large Load Tariff because I do not want my electricity bill or that of my neighbors to fund AI data center companies. With big developments across the state and in my own backyard, I want to ensure the people of Pennsylvania are protected from rising energy costs. We absolutely should not be paying for corporations already profiting off our natural resources. I don't want to see more data centers in our communities, but when they are there, they have to pay for the energy they use.

Any costs related to these projects to serve new large load/AI data centers must be fully the responsibility of the large load/AI data centers. If data centers are build in our communities, they should be required to bring their own clean energy. The PUC can reflect their mission by protecting the public's interests by incentivizing cheap and reliable solar energy for these projects. Recent estimates have found that some gas-powered data centers could emit more greenhouse gases than entire counties and also create heat islands, contributing to worsening environmental conditions and aiding the climate crisis. Why would we encourage new infrastructure doing the same old - and worse - polluting when there are better ways forward?

I care about reducing the negative impact on our communities, both economic and environmental. I want to see PCU uphold its mission to protect the public's interests with af strong Model Large Load Tariff.

Thank you,

Leigh Hendrix