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Matthew Homsher, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
2nd Floor, Room-N201  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
Re: Interconnection and Tariffs for Large Load Customers  
M-2025-3054271

Dear Secretary Hommsher and Pennsylvania Utility Commissioners:

We are reaching out to you today in support of Large Load Tariffs (LLT) for data centers that protect ratepayers. Public Utility Commissions (PUCs) exist to protect the public. As you consider adopting Large Load protections, you must put families, health, and affordability first. Although we did not participate in the original PUC filing on large loads, we felt it was important at this time to highlight the Pennsylvania Power and Light (PPL) proposed settlement and the context it brings to the Large Load protections.

Families across Pennsylvania are seeing climbing costs that make this moment particularly difficult. According to [Consumer Affairs' July 2025 analysis](#),<sup>1</sup> Pennsylvania prices in the “15 grocery categories analyzed are up 8.2% in the last 12 months, the nation’s highest hike.” Families who secure their health insurance through the [Affordable Care marketplace saw their premiums increase by nearly 22%](#) starting in January.<sup>2</sup> [2024 Census data shows that 1 in 4 adults in Pennsylvania, over 2 million people, live in a household where they were unable to pay their energy bill in full](#), putting them at risk of having their electricity disconnected.<sup>3</sup>

We believe the recently proposed Pennsylvania Power and Light (PPL) settlement in the rate case (Docket No. R-2025-3057164), with its broad consensus, creates a baseline framework for the LLT to build on. Important benchmarks for the future of Large Load protections for families from the PPL settlement and areas for Large Load protection improvements include:

1. The PPL settlement acknowledged the PUC’s power to enact LLT protections
2. The diversity of those who agreed to the PPL settlement creates a powerful floor for the PUC to build additional LLT safeguards on
3. Data centers will be required to cover the costs of new grid infrastructure built to serve them, but future work must be done to ensure they FULLY pay their own way, including embedded cost considerations
4. Data centers will contribute to universal service programs that protect families, but could be expanded to include more low and middle income families

As food, healthcare, and now energy costs become astronomically more expensive, families are forced to make impossible choices. When electricity becomes unaffordable, health suffers. No parent should have to choose between keeping the lights on and buying groceries, filling a prescription, or paying rent. The truth for

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<sup>1</sup> The Rising Costs of Groceries By State (2026)

<https://www.consumeraffairs.com/finance/cost-of-groceries-by-state.html#state-comparison>

<sup>2</sup> Pa. approves higher ACA health insurance premiums, with some hikes as high as 38%

<https://www.wesa.fm/health-science-tech/2025-10-16/pennsylvania-pennie-insurance-rate-hikes-2026>

<sup>3</sup>Census Bureau, 2024 House Pulse Survey, Unable to Pay Energy Bill

<https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/?measures=ENERGYBILL>

Pennsylvania families? The cost of data centers in Pennsylvania is so much higher than simply increases to our electricity bills.

If we don't get this right - by centering clean power and battery storage that keeps our air cleaner and makes our grid more reliable, as well as by holding data centers accountable to FULLY pay their own way, the health and wellbeing of our families will be in serious jeopardy.

The PUC can ensure Pennsylvania families continue to maintain the dignity of being able to reasonably afford their electricity bills by adopting the strongest possible Large Load safeguards, rejecting rate case increases trying to hide their data center impacts, and ensuring that affordability, health protection, and equity are central to every decision. Choosing to give data centers' handouts on the backs of hardworking Pennsylvania families can never be the answer that the PUC allows.

Sincerely,

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