

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

My name is Kevin and I live in Pittsburgh. I have lived in Pennsylvania for the majority of my life. 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. Data centers provide little benefit to our communities, and we need to limit the burden they place on society.

AI data centers are already driving up electricity costs for everyone through increased demand, and Pennsylvania residents and small businesses are already paying record-high rates for electricity. Regular customers should not have to deplete their savings to pay for utility bills that are being driven up by massive tech companies that are not paying their fair share. 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. We must resist the destruction that AI data centers will cause on our society.

AI data centers should be required to bring their own, new, clean energy in order to access incentives and lowered charges. The PUC's mission includes protecting the public interest and that includes protecting my health and environment. 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. AI data centers will accelerate the destruction of humanity and we may resist this nonsense.

AI data centers are unnecessary and will cause great harm to our state.

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