

I am a citizen of Rose Valley, Pa in Delaware County, PA, my name is Marya Bradley. I am writing to express my alarm about the rush to build data centers across our nation and in our state and my strong opposition to this haste without strong protections for communities, for the environment, for water and air quality, for wildlife and a strong and transparent public role in the decision-making process around these centers. The entire AI industry is new and as yet we are failing to act to protect against its manifest dangers. I write to call on the PUC to withhold any permits until there are strong protections and regulatory laws in place. It should be critical that any data center be required to provide its own energy from sustainable and non-polluting sources and that the public not be made to pay for their massive energy consumption. In addition and equally importantly, the communities affected and the public should have a powerful voice in decision-making about land use, water use and energy use. I am equally concerned about the destruction of land and the use of water and the heat and noise these centers generate that pollute water, air, soil and silence the birds and wildlife and overwhelm our communities. There must be strong oversight and enforcement of regulations protecting our water, our air and the environment before any center is permitted. I strongly urge the PUC to demand that data centers generate their own energy from sustainable and non-polluting energy sources and not pass the bill on to the public. I am not at all convinced that we need these centers or that we should make sacrifices of our already over-taxed environment for a technology that is not necessary to our existence.