

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

I am Susan from Philadelphia. I support the PUC in finalizing a strong Model Large Load Tariff to hold large load customers responsible for their own electricity usage. We must always be wary of the enormous use of energy and other resources required by AI centers.

Increased demand from AI data centers already increases electricity costs for everyone, with unprecedented energy rates in the Commonwealth. 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. 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.

AI data centers should expect to bring their own, new, clean energy in order to access incentives and lowered charges. Our health and the environment are legitimate and important parts of the PUC's. 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.

We cannot allow data centers to be a law unto themselves, and to avoid responsibility for their use of energy.

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