

My name is Leo and I live in Indiana, PA. I support the PUC in finalizing a strong Model Large Load Tariff because of the importance of ensuring a fair and equitable distribution of the benefits and burdens of increased electricity demand for all Pennsylvanians for years to come. I am not against increased electricity demand and usage in principle, but meeting that demand must not come at the expense of hard-working families being able to afford to keep their lights on and homes heated and cooled. Just as it would be absurd to allow, say, a luxury clothing company to buy up a substantial amount of farmland to grow specialty plants needed for their apparel when doing so would reduce the food supply and make unaffordable the essential groceries needed to raise strong and healthy children, it would be absurd to allow companies to buy up substantial amounts of electricity when doing so makes it unaffordable for everyday Americans to meet the energy demands of everyday life.

Electricity costs for Pennsylvanians are already at record-high rates. Increasing these rates further to benefit tech companies is both unreasonable and unjust. In order for the increased use of electricity by these companies to be both reasonable and just, at the very least the following conditions must be met:

- 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 datacenter is done efficiently and in a way that minimizes costs.
- 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 loads/AI data centers must be required to pay for the costs of remediating and cleaning up their site after closing down.

Importantly though, these tech companies have the opportunity to both profit and do real good by investing in clean energy to reduce the strain on both the grid and on our environment. To this end, large load customers/AI data centers should be required to bring their own clean energy, especially if they want to qualify for incentives or lower rates.

In closing, I must emphasize again the importance of the decision you are about to make. This is your opportunity to create a fair and just future for all of us here today and for the generations to come. I implore you to leave a legacy that future Pennsylvanians will thank you for.