

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

My name is Nancy Boxer and I live in Havertown, PA.

I support the PUC in finalizing a strong Model Large Load Tariff that will protect existing customers from additional costs created by bringing large new electricity loads into the system.

Every group of customers should pay their share of costs - the costs of each additional unit of energy, the costs of transmission of energy to their site, and a fair share of any additional new capacity needed. This includes new customers, and existing customers who greatly increase their demand. So when new customers and existing customers who greatly increase their demand come in and their increases in demand require expensive new generation and distribution, their fair share would include the bulk of those additional costs. Existing customers with fairly unchanging demand should pay a minimum of those additional costs, as they are not causing additional demands on the system.

This is how things work in other sectors of the economy as well. If I suddenly increase my demand of something so that the manufacturer has to add new production facilities, they generally require me to pay (or guarantee payment) for this increase in capacity, and do not pass the increased costs of new production onto other, well-established customers.

Currently only 12 other states have average higher residential electricity rates than Pennsylvania (data as of February 2026 from https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.php?t=epmt_5_6_a), and many of those have special circumstances (like Hawaii, being so distant from fuel sources, and California which is paying off forest-fire-related expenses). Pennsylvania rate payers do not want to find themselves rising further up the list of the most expensive energy costs in the nation, when there is no good reason for it. Many of these new customers are not voters in Pennsylvania. They will take their profits and distribute them elsewhere while doing their best to spend as little as possible in our local economies. Please help keep them in check so that the citizens of Pennsylvania are not hurt by allowing them to do business here. The PUC has a long history of balancing the needs of utility companies, large and small rate payers. Please do not allow the needs of new, large customers to overwhelm the ongoing needs of smaller ones.

It would be particularly helpful if these new customers would be encouraged to provide some or most of their own electricity in the form of renewable energy - solar or wind. This would diminish their outsized loads and also diminish the pollution associated with additional gas (or even coal) generation. Gas has always seemed relatively clean, but satellite imagery has shown substantial leakage of methane gas - a highly climate-warming gas - into the atmosphere around gas generating plants, gas pipelines and so on. 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.

I - and most of my neighbors - care about maintaining air quality for ourselves and for our children. I - and most of my neighbors - care about being able to continue to afford living in our homes without being priced out by greatly increasing utility costs. We all hope you will take these issues of affordability, fairness, and the need for more renewable energy seriously. Thank you for your consideration.

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