

My name is Millie and I live in Philadelphia, near the Art Museum. 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.

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 didn't consent to data centers being built in the area, and it's unfair to push that cost onto us. Large loads/AI data centers must be required to pay for the costs of remediating and cleaning up their site after closing down. 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.

AI data centers should be required to bring and use energy that is clean and renewable—it's cheaper, quicker to build than gas generation, doesn't contribute to air pollution, and it aligns with the PUC's mission to protect the public interest: our health, safety, 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. Clean energy is quicker to build and deploy, avoiding concerns of "stranded assets" that are much more likely with the decades-long lifespan of gas-fired power plants.

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