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Re: Comments in Response to Commission's Secretarial Letter published at 56 PA.B. 3865
Docket No. L-2025-3059032

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for inviting comments on the possibility of promulgating regulations for interconnecting electric loads. There is no question that the introduction of potential large load customers is already reflected in the PJM wholesale capacity markets - driving up consumers energy prices, even before most of the planned data centers exist.

I strongly support the promulgation of regulations and am grateful for the Commission's efforts to address the potential impact of new large load customers on all Pennsylvania consumers. Pennsylvania's regulations must promote transparency, prevent cost shifting to residential customers, and mitigate the impacts of another potentially volatile energy industry coming into our Commonwealth.

Community Benefits Agreements

A new large load data center was recently approved in my Senate District in Allegheny County.

After hearing from my constituents, consumer protection advocates, and varied stakeholders, I respectfully urge the Commission to promulgate regulations that require large load customers to enter into transparent, negotiated Community Benefits Agreements (CBA) that delineate up front how the local community will benefit and be protected. The terms of the CBA should be openly arranged and discussed among the host, surrounding communities, and community members to ensure transparency and sustainable conditions, while having the mutual benefit of building trust and support for the development. A framework for these agreements is included in my legislation [Senate Bill 724](#) and envisions a role for the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement.

I also want to elevate the comments provided by the Joint Energy Advocates. I share their goal of advancing policies and processes that alleviate the impacts on residential customers to the greatest extent possible.

Lastly, with recognition that the Commission is actively inviting written comments, public engagement around this issue is higher now than ever. In order to promote transparency, public accountability, and robust stakeholder participation, the PUC should schedule public hearings in the course of developing any proposed regulations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit public comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey M. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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