

Re: Public Comment, Docket No. M-2026-3059601, PATER Study Preliminary Phase 1 Report

Dear Secretary,

PATER is a great opportunity for Pennsylvania. Taking existing assets and looking to improve and use them to meet Pennsylvania's energy needs is great.

Keys to consider in narrowing these options down to 5 to 7 sites, for me, would be the following:

- **Renewable energy maximizing** - This is important to not burden the local communities with the unwanted emissions from historic fossil fuel energy sites and keep their health and well being in mind.
- **Remediation efforts** - Again, important to earn the community's trust and that the community is impacted in a positive way. Whether that be soil remediation, ground water remediation, etc. Not only converting these brownfields to energy assets again, but being able to potentially make them greenfields.
- **Energy storage** - energy storage for renewable energies and being able to have those backup resources to maximize efficiency.
- **Local Jobs** - Bringing a positive economic impact would be my third subject to consider. What of these sites would make the biggest positive economic splash in addition to the two other items above.

In addition, during the panel discussion it was touched on of the large loads, and "bring your own power" with data centers in mind. I think it would be a huge positive to also consider microgrids where feasible when it comes to these large loads, and being transparent with the public on the fact that these projects will help Pennsylvanians over incoming corporations.

Sincerely,

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