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Living in Luzerne County, I have seen from extensive review of the PATER material, that we would be burdened with the HIGHEST number of onlining retired plants. In a region fighting a plethora of legacy pollution and dotted with one Environmental Justice Community after another, our area is clearly overburdened and unable to sustain these plants. Additionally, I am acutely aware that these energy projects are almost solely to benefit large load PRIVATE customers, not establish reliability for average citizens. Much of the "unreliability" that is present or being spoken about is being created by a quickly burgeoning tech takeover our area never asked for.

Please ask yourself these questions as you consider this newest waste of tax payer funded "research":

- 1) Who does this project really serve?
- 2) What are the projected cumulative environmental and health impacts caused by bringing back this large amount of retired plants?
- 3) Does anything in this study lead you to consider its compatibility with Article 1 Section 27 of the PA Constitution (aka The Green Amendment)?
- 4) What type of decommissioning plans would be in place once the need to pillage is over?

The 21 coal, natural gas, and peaker plants identified in the report as candidates for redevelopment had a combined capacity of 4.8 GW when they were retired. That is enough energy to power 4 million homes. Of the 21 plants identified, 5 - 7 will eventually be redeveloped according to the PUC, but there's no reason to think that the number could be expanded as the number of data centers coming to PA grows.

The PATER report states, "...a site ranking methodology will be developed to support a rigorous ranking of attributes and options and to ensure that the methodology is structured to incorporate all the criteria that arise through discussions with the PA PUC, Team PA, and other key stakeholders." P. 103 Team PA operates as a non-profit that supports the Governor's agenda. It has been deeply involved in development of energy and data center

projects. Its involvement in ranking sites would constitute an unacceptable conflict of interest.

You may be reviewing this from the comfort of your office desk, far removed from the nightmare my region is currently living in. Please think outside the party mindset and remember we are real people with real children, with real lungs, with real cancer rates, with real property values, with real homes and nature we value and enjoy. Accepting the PATER study on its face value, without understanding the actual danger that is inherent in it will never be forgiven or forgotten by the hardworking Pennsylvanians that pray for an end to the greenlighting and corporate pandering our state bureaucracy has become so masterful at. IF you are not a bot reading this, please remember the thousands of people afflicted with superfund sites, creeks we have just recently begun to get remediated, and an area where damn well near everyone's relative has a weird cancer due to pollution. Please, I implore you, do not forget your humanity in this process.