From: PSC Public Comment
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Subject: RE: Datacenter Electricity Demand
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Case No. 2025-00186

Thank you for your comments on the application of Electronic Investigation of Nuclear Energy, Generation, Storage, and Related Matters. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2025-00186 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at View Case Filings for: 2025-00186 (ky.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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To whom it may concern,

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Kentucky I have watched opposition to datacenters increase over time. The industry is severely constrained by lack of electricity nationally. Data centers can bring a lot of tax revenue to a state. For the last 25 years Public Service Commissions across the U.S. have allowed Electrical Utilities to coast along barely maintaining operations. It seems as if they have trouble just keeping up with maintenance from ever increasing ever-increasing climate change disasters. Then along comes an industry like AI that has an insatiable appetite for electricity and has caught the electric utilities with their pants down! This drives up the cost of electricity for consumers and turns public opinion against new data centers (a new tax revenue base that would be the envy of any municipality!) This is a failure as far as I am concerned, of the public service commissions to anticipate the demand for electricity and ensure adequate electricity supply for all customers in the Commonwealth including new customers like data centers. Since everything related to data centers seems to be constrained, it would make since that the larger data centers would go to onsite power generation. And they have in other states to some extent. But natural gas is only a stop gap measure for these data centers and only exceeds in increasing the pace of climate

change disasters frequency and intensity (which puts additional pressure on eletric utilities for maintaining the electrical infrastructure. The solution I believe is Nuclear Energy. Yet since the 1950's nuclear energy has lagged behind other sources of energy. The average permit request can take as long as 10 years to.be granted. This is unacceptable if we are to provide for the energy needs of the Commonwealth without substantially increasing contributions to emissions that increase global climate change disasters frequency and intensity. As the organization tasked with regulatory oversight of the Electric Utilities you have an obligation to regulate these electric utilities in a manner that does not raise the cost of consumer electricity prices while meeting the demands of new customers (and the tax revenue they bring to the Commonwealth!). Your success or failure can be directly measured by how strong the public opposition to data centers becomes. For the first time in a long time your job at the PSC is suddenly elevated to a statewide (and a national priority. It is my hope that you will rise to the occasion and meet this new demand with as little turmoil as possible. The public doesn't realize it yet but data centers are not the enemy they are your friend!

Best Regards,

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