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To: CZA, Program (MailBox Resources)
Subject: Proposed Hyper scale Data Center

I am very concerned about the proposed data center near Hamburg Road. That area has a long heavy industrial history but this project is entirely different. The proposed electrical use is beyond what the entire state of Delaware already consumes. The insanity of that statement should be alarming to everyone. Electrical rates will rise exponentially. Even if some is generated on site, there is the pollution factor to consider.

And, the water usage is equally enormous. Delaware has seen several droughts that have strained our water resources over the decades. There have been salt water intrusions all along the Delaware coast since the 1960's from news articles. Our aquifers have been strained just due to a drought. Our water resources have also been affected by upstream activity from New York. Then, there is salt water intrusion from sea level rise.

Then, there are the hidden dangers from buried toxic waste is salt water combines with them. These centers will operate 24/7 regardless of a drought. People will suffer. The zero water data center is one pilot project with Microsoft planning a couple more. Others use less water but still emit hot air.

Also, there are effects from whatever type of data center is built from excessive heat, noise, or other pollutants in their operation.

Frankly, it is a disaster in the making for that area or anywhere else in Delaware. I am a lifelong Delaware citizen in my mid seventies. Your decision may not affect me for long but will determine a safe and reliable utility grid and aquifer for the generations after me.

I request that you outright reject this data center's permit. No Coastal Act permit can assure against the multitude of negative factors or effects.

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