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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Heather C and I am a Delaware resident submitting my concerns regarding the proposed Starwood Digital Ventures 1.2 GW data center campus under review. I am asking the State to deny approval for this project because the risks to our community outweigh any possible benefit.

The proposed development covers 579 acres and includes 11 large data center buildings, multiple substations, a switch station, and more than five hundred diesel generators. A project of this magnitude would significantly change the surrounding landscape. The amount of land disruption involved raises serious concerns about long term environmental damage, habitat loss, and the overall impact on the character of the region.

Large scale data centers are also heavy consumers of water. This proposal creates unanswered questions about water usage, water rights, and the long term sustainability of pulling additional resources from local supplies. Residents deserve clear information on how much water the facility would require, whether that would affect residential availability, and how waste water would be handled. Without transparent answers, the risks feel unacceptable.

There are also broader concerns related to data privacy and individual protections. A massive data processing hub introduces new vulnerabilities. The public has not been given adequate information about what types of data would be handled, where it would originate, and how residents near the site could be affected in the event of a breach or system failure. Delaware communities deserve stronger assurances before a project of this scale can be considered.

In addition to privacy concerns, the cybersecurity risks associated with a facility of this size must be addressed. Large data centers are prime targets for cyber attacks. If this center were compromised, the fallout could extend far beyond its physical footprint. The proposal does not outline how critical systems would be secured, how incidents would be monitored, or how potential attacks could affect the surrounding community and statewide infrastructure. Without a clear and transparent cybersecurity plan, the risk to public safety and the stability of nearby systems remains too high.

Finally, residents have a right to preserve the health, safety, and well being of their communities. Large data centers bring increased traffic, noise, emissions from diesel generators, and continuous industrial activity. These factors directly affect quality of life for the people who live in the area. The community has not been meaningfully engaged and should not be expected to absorb the negative impacts without clear justification.

I am requesting that DNREC hold a public hearing and require a full Coastal Zone permit process. I also urge the Department to reject this proposal due to the environmental, privacy, cybersecurity, and community risks that cannot be mitigated in a responsible way.

Thank you for considering my comments.

respectfully,

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