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To: Delaware DNREC Coastal Zone Program and New Castle County decision-makers
Re: Opposition to Starwood Digital Ventures' 1.2 GW "Project Washington" Data Center

Dear Members of the Coastal Zone Program and New Castle County Officials,

I am writing to express my opposition to Starwood Digital Ventures' proposed "Project Washington" data-center campus near Delaware City.

According to the filings, this project would build 11 data-center buildings on roughly 580 acres, draw up to 1.2 gigawatts from the regional grid, and install 516 diesel emergency generators plus associated fuel storage near the Delaware River. That is an unprecedented scale for Delaware, with consequences that would largely be borne by local residents, ratepayers, and the environment.

My concerns fall into three main areas:

1. Energy and grid strain – A single campus using up to 1.2 GW could rival or exceed the electricity consumption of all Delaware homes combined, intensifying stress on an already constrained grid and potentially driving higher costs or reliability risks for existing customers.
2. Environmental and public-health risk – Siting hundreds of diesel generators and large fuel storage near the river introduces ongoing air-quality impacts (from testing and operation) and non-trivial spill, fire, and storm-related risks to surrounding communities and ecosystems. Once built, these externalities are very difficult to reverse.
3. Limited local benefit relative to scale – Public materials project on the order of 95–125 permanent jobs for a facility that will permanently reshape Delaware's energy, land use, and emissions profile. That is a poor trade-off: massive, long-term environmental and infrastructure impacts in exchange for relatively few stable positions and unclear wider economic benefit.

In short, this project appears designed primarily to serve global cloud and AI demand and private investors, while pushing most of the long-term risk and cost onto Delaware's residents, grid, and environment. I urge you to deny approval—or at minimum require a far more stringent, transparent assessment of energy sourcing, emissions, water use, diesel reliance, and tangible community benefits before any permits are granted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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