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To the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control:

I am writing to submit public comment regarding the request for a Coastal Zone Act status decision for the proposed data center project near Delaware City.

The Coastal Zone Act was enacted to prevent the expansion of heavy industrial uses in Delaware's coastal areas and to protect sensitive environmental resources, including wetlands, waterways, air quality, and public health. The proposed data center is an industrial-scale facility that raises serious concerns under the intent and purpose of the Act.

Specifically, I am concerned about the project's enormous energy demand, reliance on diesel backup generation, and significant water usage for cooling in close proximity to the Delaware River and surrounding coastal resources. These impacts are not isolated; they are cumulative and long-term, and they risk shifting environmental and infrastructure costs onto the public.

Data centers of this size function more like heavy industry than traditional commercial development. Their continuous power consumption, emissions during testing and outages, and strain on regional infrastructure appear inconsistent with the Coastal Zone Act's goal of limiting industrial expansion that threatens coastal environments.

I respectfully urge DNREC to carefully evaluate whether this project is compatible with the Coastal Zone Act and to err on the side of protecting Delaware's coastal resources. At a minimum, the project should be required to undergo full Coastal Zone Act permitting with rigorous environmental review, enforceable conditions, and public transparency. If the impacts cannot be adequately mitigated, the project should be deemed prohibited under the Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of the long-term environmental consequences of this proposal.

Sincerely,
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