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Data Centers in Utah

1 message

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Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 5:33 PM

Dear Utah Utilities Commissioners,

My name is Malia Boyd and I live in Salt Lake City. As a ratepayer in Utah, I'm writing to urge you to do everything in your power to protect our families and small businesses from the costly impacts of unchecked data center development. I am **deeply concerned** about how data center growth without commonsense rules will impact my energy bills and my community's health.

I am worried about the use of the diesel generators these centers use for back up power. When they are activated they cause horrible air pollution and we already suffer from terrible air quality here in SLC. My other even more urgent worry is the vast amount of water these data centers use. **WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH WATER FOR OUR PEOPLE LONG TERM.** We cannot afford to use it cooling computers! It's insane and absurd. Data centers consume enormous amounts of energy and are putting strains on electric grids all across the country. This has put utilities and states in the position of making major investments to build new energy generation while also considering keeping old coal and gas plants online instead of investing in new, low-cost clean energy. Without action from state regulators, I'm concerned that the construction of new energy infrastructure will increase electricity rates at a time when energy bills are already on the rise.

As you address the growing challenge of data center development in Utah, ***I urge you to prioritize the following consumer protections:***

1. **Require data center developers to cover their fair share of increased energy demand and corresponding investments in new grid infrastructure. Residential customers should not be on the hook for these business costs.**
2. **Prioritize plans that drive investment in additional renewable energy, grid-connected battery storage, efficiency, and demand response to meet any new electricity demand. This will help reduce pollution and will also protect ratepayers, like me, from high fuel costs.**
3. **Develop large load tariffs that require data center developers to put their money on the table for new projects to minimize corporate speculation and protect ratepayers from potential stranded assets.**
4. **Ensure robust public participation and feedback on how the state plans to meet challenges associated with data centers.**

If left unchecked, data center development will burden our state's families and small businesses with rising energy bills while increasing harmful pollution from expensive coal and gas-fired power plants. **We need your timely action to protect ratepayers and support clean energy** solutions instead of allowing utilities and big corporations to double down on fossil fuels that will burden our communities for decades to come.

Thank you for your attention to the important matter.



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Data Center Regulations

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Dear Utah Public Utilities Commissioners,

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Data centers are being developed at breakneck speed, ignoring public concerns, circumventing community engagement, all while making promises they can't keep. I already live in an area with water stress, high energy rates, and poor air quality. Mega data centers, if allowed to expand carte blanche, will worsen all of that without bringing anything meaningful to our community. I'm not opposed to data centers entirely, but they can't be built without regulations, transparency, and public input.

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