

Testimony on ZTA 26-01 Data Center Commercial Uses - Data Center

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We need this to be thought out, not rushed. We may think we have plenty of water, but we get drought here too. And the data centers are noisy as well. Put a pause on this.

Like many residents last month I was complying with WSSC guidelines to reduce water use during the storm. It made me wonder - in times of drought or extreme heat or cold when residents are asked to reduce water or power use - would the much higher use of data centers in the county also be restricted? These are the kinds of questions that we don't have answers to yet. Until we do, a moratorium needs to be in place - and quickly. We can't go back and add regulations to the project in Dickerson speeding toward approval.

Thank You,

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