

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

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I am most concerned about the water usage of a data center. Years ago, when PEPCO's Dickerson power plant was created, the exhaust stream water was still warm when it reached the Potomac River, changing the ecology and causing more algae and a reduction in the fish species that could survive. I am also concerned about water levels in droughts and the impact the data center(s) may have on the Piedmont Aquifer that many of our farms are dependent on. Things are far too uncertain on data centers right now. Most residents in MoCo and across the country have turned against data centers. The State is just beginning a study of data centers. The affordability crisis is directly tied to data center capacity. What is the rush to jump in and allow large scale data centers here? There is every reason to wait, particularly with a project with unknown impacts speeding toward approval with no regulations. Slow down - get this right.

Thank You,

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