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JOINT DATA CENTER COMMITTEE

Mission: Ensure that Ohio citizens have accurate, relevant, and usable information concerning the economic, environmental, and security impacts of Ohio's data center development through discussion with experts, stakeholders, interested parties, and Ohio citizens.

Specific Tasks: We will support Ohio citizens by:

1. Determining data energy cost and availability impacts for other Ohio ratepayers
    a. Grid reliability and resilience
    b. "Behind the meter" and traditional grid connection considerations
    c. Improved load forecasting and pricing transparency
    d. Optimization and utilization of existing transmission resources

2. Identifying state and local community economics of data center development
    a. Tax base, local revenue, and ancillary business support
    b. Shared energy infrastructure development
    c. Work opportunities and skill training

3. Determining the environmental impacts of data center development
    a. Water usage, discharge, and recycling
    b. Agricultural and other surrounding land use
    c. Electromagnetic fields
    d. Wildlife and production animals
    e. Sound and light emissions

4. Identifying public safety and national security considerations
    a. Enhanced critical infrastructure protections
    b. Cooperation with federal data center efforts
    c. National Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data storage requirements

5. Increasing public awareness and sector knowledge