
Public Citizen's Campaign To Stop Maryland Fossil Fuel Data Center Boondoggle

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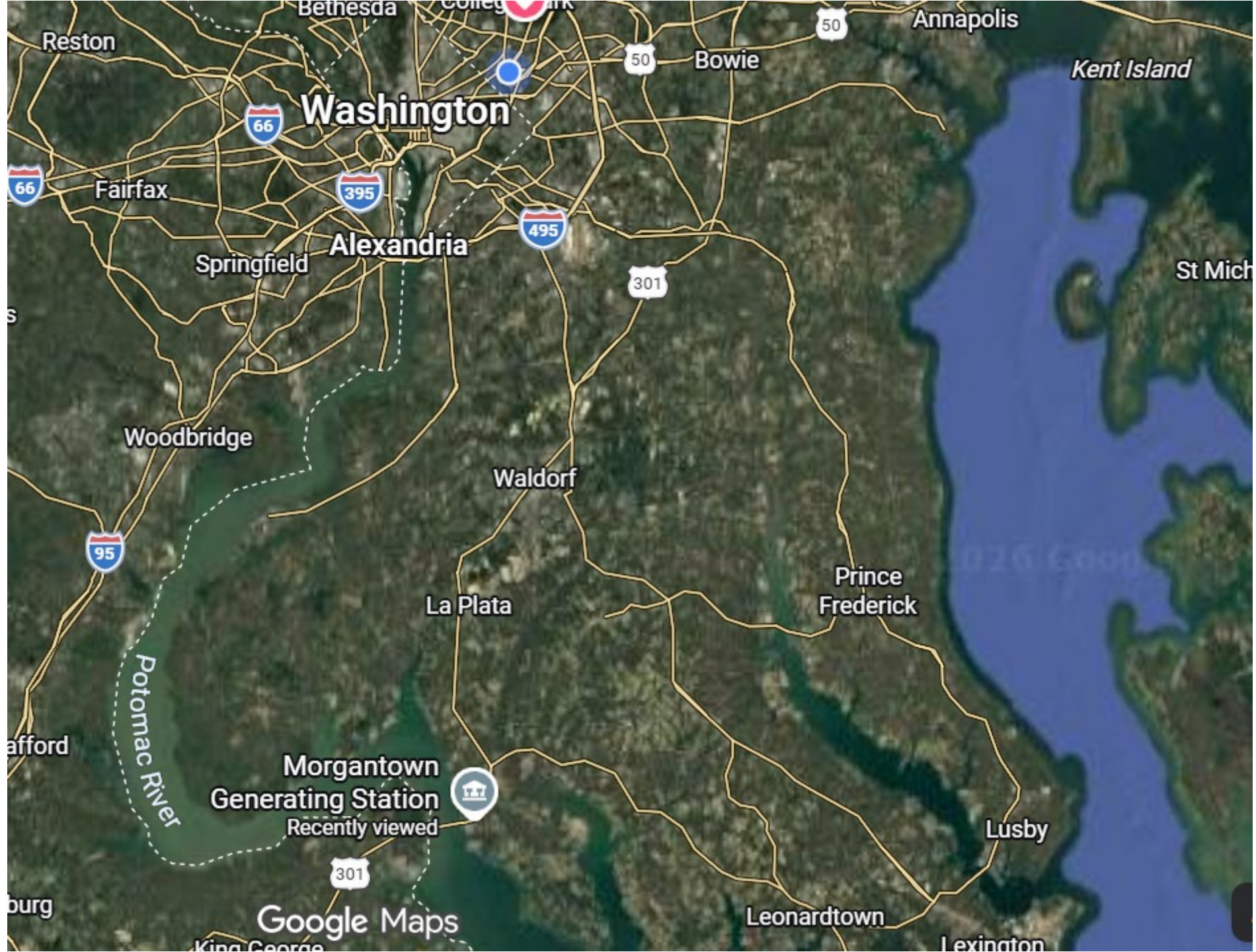
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On February 2, TeraWulf, a cryptomining company with a history of losing money, filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to acquire 260 acres featuring 2 retired coal units and 4 active oil-fueled power plants an hour south of DC on the Potomac River

It is highly unusual for a transaction involving the purchase of land for a data center to be subject to regulatory review.

But because the land includes 4 operational power plants subject to FERC jurisdiction, under the Federal Power Act TeraWulf cannot purchase the land and power plants until FERC first determines that it's in the public interest.

While FERC's traditional public interest review is unreasonably limited to market power issues, we are raising broader concerns to use the FERC proceeding as a platform to highlight problems with the proposal and force more transparency.



CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Potomac data center would sap more power than Baltimore. It says that's good for the grid.

Adam Willis 4/20/2026 5:30 a.m. EDT

Data center developer wants to reboot a Potomac River power plant with natural gas

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Md. tech company's power plant plans face scrutiny

By Lily Carey

TeraWulf, a Maryland-based digital technology company, plans to change a power plant in Charles County into a data center hub — a move that some consumer watchdogs worry could increase already soaring electricity prices for Marylanders.

The plant, located in the unincorporated community of Morgantown, currently includes four active oil-fired power plants and two retired coal plants, and generates 216 megawatts of power, enough to power about 172,000 homes each day. That power goes into



A visitor checks out "Titan: The Legacy of Reginald F. Lewis," the ongoing special exhibit at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. The museum has struggled with attendance. KENNETH K. LAM/STAFF

Lewis Museum is challenged by

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Md. lawmakers race to make Crossover Day

Key bills remain as state's legislative deadline looms

By Tinashe Chingarande

Maryland lawmakers have until 11:59 p.m. on Monday to advance legislation and make good on key promises, like lowering costs and bolstering the state's economy.

Monday is Crossover Day, the final day for a bill to pass its chamber of origin so it can be considered in the other, giving both bodies ample

guson told reporters Friday that his chamber has passed 116 bills and will be considering an additional 30 over the next week. House Speaker Joseline Peña-Melnyk didn't respond to requests for comment on her chamber's priorities.

Some issues, such as the state budget, have already moved from one chamber to the other.

Public Citizen Asked TeraWulf to detail its fossil fuel plans, to identify its data center client, to meet in public with local residents, and to unredact the purchase price. TeraWulf refused all requests.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Morgantown Power LLC

Docket No. EC26-58

Protest of Public Citizen, Inc., and Motion to “deny a claim of privilege”

On February 2, a joint application under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act was filed seeking approval to transfer ownership of Morgantown Power, which operates four oil fueled power generators with 216 MW of capacity, from GenOn to TeraWulf. The Commission cannot find the proposed transaction to be in the public interest because the application conceals significant information relevant to the public interest. These omissions and disputed facts require the Commission to schedule a hearing. Absent additional disclosures and clarifications, the Commission cannot authorize the transaction.

- Clarify whether TeraWulf plans to reactivate the two retired coal units onsite at Morgantown Power, since the acquisition of the retired coal units is part of the public interest consideration at issue in this docket.
 - Compel TeraWulf to identify the clients for a planned bitcoin mining facility/data center on the Morgantown Power property.
 - Require TeraWulf to meet in public with the entire community to be available for questions and dialogue about the company’s plans for the site.
 - The Commission must determine that TeraWulf’s plan to utilize the site to power bitcoin mining operations or a data center conflict with the public interest, because the site must be utilized for the benefit of all ratepayers.
 - Compel TeraWulf to detail how it plans to adhere to its public interest environmental responsibilities regarding the retired coal units.
 - Public Citizen motions for the Commission to “deny a claim of privilege” per 18 CFR § 388.112(e) to publicly release Section 2.03 of Exhibit I, the Purchase Agreement.
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FERC This Morning Issued an Order Giving TeraWulf 7 Days to Answer Why It Should Be Allowed To Keep Purchase Price a Secret

Dear Counsel:

1. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act¹ and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regulations under 18 C.F.R. § 388.112(d) (2025), you are hereby notified that the Commission has received a request in the March 4, 2026 Protest of Public Citizen, Inc. (Public Citizen) under Accession No. 20260304-5086 to make public section 2.03 of the non-public Exhibit I to the Purchase Agreement filed by Morgantown Power, LLC (Morgantown) as part of its Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Waivers, Confidential Treatment, Expedited Action and 21-Day Comment Period that was filed on February 2,

2026, under Accession No. 20260202-5250 in Docket No. EC26-58-000.² The Commission is considering the release of this information.

2. Because Morgantown has asserted a privileged and/or confidential interest in the information requested, the Commission is soliciting your comments regarding the request for public release of the information described above.³ Your written comments are due within seven business days from the date of this letter and should clearly explain whether you oppose the release of these documents, or portions thereof, and the rationale for your position. The Commission will not be persuaded by conclusory statements as to why the information deserves protection.

TeraWulf Was Forced to Reveal That They Plan to Repower the oil units with natural gas and build a 1 GW data center

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Joint Protest of Public Citizen and Port Tobacco River Conservancy

We file this protest pursuant to the *Notice of Extension of Time*¹ and raise concerns that are in addition to our earlier filings in this docket.²

TeraWulf's Plan To Repower Morgantown Power Is A Central Component of the Transaction and Its Review Must Be Included As Part of This Section 203 Proceeding

TeraWulf has informed investors that it plans to “repower” the existing oil-fueled generation units at Morgantown Power with natural gas. TeraWulf details in a February 26 investor presentation that it plans to add 1,000 MW of repowered capacity at Morgantown Power in two phases to supply a new onsite data center.³ Repowering the oil units is highly unlikely, as the closest natural gas transmission line —Berkshire Hathaway’s Eastern Gas⁴—is 20 miles north of Morgantown. As the Commission is aware, the Eastern Gas line is already at capacity in this region, serving the CPV St. Charles power facility and Berkshire Hathaway’s Cove Point LNG export terminal. The only other plausible gas supply alternative would be for TeraWulf to build a LNG import facility at Morgantown, which would involve sailing LNG tankers up the Potomac River—potentially compromising the security of the Dahlgren Naval Support Facility, which is directly across the river.⁵ There’s a reason the four oil-fueled facilities at Morgantown were never converted to dual natural gas use: there are no existing natural

Our Work Forced Into the Open A Secret Letter of Support by Maryland Gov. Moore Admin



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Adam Ortiz, Deputy Secretary

December 11, 2025

Paul Prager
Chairman and CEO
TeraWulf Inc.
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Easton, MD 21601

Dear Mr. Prager:

I was pleased to hear of TeraWulf's intent to redevelop the former Morgantown Generating Station. Remediating historic contamination at this site will be a great benefit to the State of Maryland.

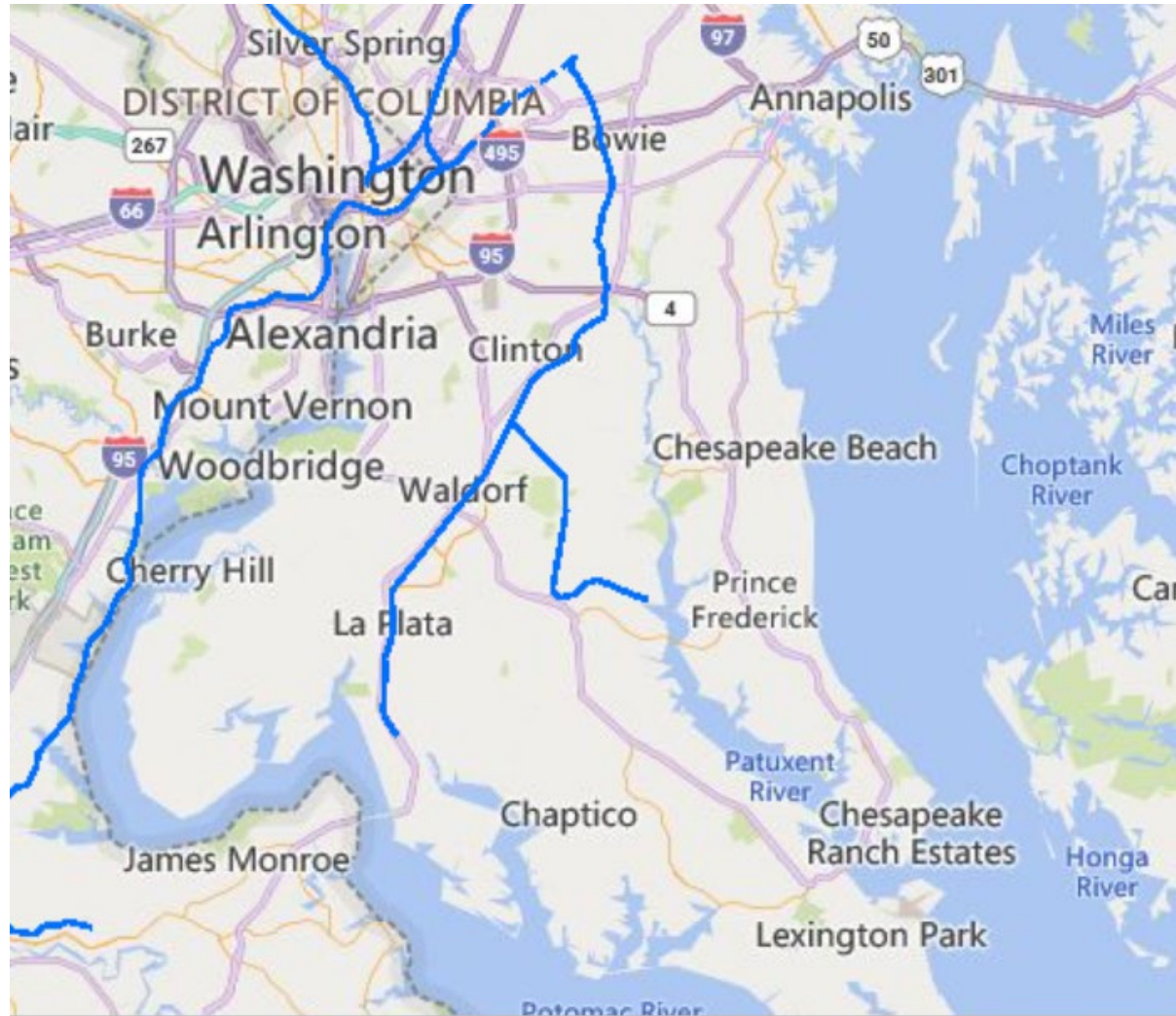
Considering the priority and significance of this project, on behalf of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), I can assure you that:

- MDE will expedite as efficiently as possible the review and consideration of an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) and recognition of inculpable person status.
- MDE will also offer our best efforts to expedite any other necessary permits and advance other relevant environmental actions, such as obtaining natural gas right-of-ways or achieving environmental compliance.

**Berkshire
Hathaway Existing
Eastern Natural
Gas Pipeline in
Charles County
MD**



**TeraWulf will try to
build 20+ miles of
natural gas
pipeline along the
existing CSX rail
right-of-way**



Next Steps

TeraWulf asked FERC on Feb 2 to approve its acquisition of Morgantown “[without modification, condition, or further proceedings on or before April 2, 2026.](#)” Because of our efforts, that’s obviously not happening.

Depending on whether FERC issues a deficiency letter, FERC will likely approve TeraWulf’s acquisition by July or August.

Our efforts at FERC have already been successful at forcing additional transparency about TeraWulf’s plans; helped to generate significant community education and opposition; and use these successes as a platform to oppose TeraWulf’s fossil fuel data center at the county and state levels, and highlight the fight to push for broader data center process reforms in Maryland.