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Utility rates are increasing by a significant margin for individual households. A lot of this is being driven by the data centers which are using vast amounts of energy. A 2019 study estimated that a single data center can consume the equivalent electricity of 50,000 homes and that these centers have a bigger carbon footprint that the airline industry, generative AI has only surged their usage.

We cannot afford to ignore the devastating environmental impact that they have, and we can start by shifting the burden of these data centers to the companies, not the average individual or household.