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- DC: Concerned about increases in utility bills, water quality concerns
- LE/DC: Lack of jobs created
- DC: Don't throw money to million businesses. Put money into local. Net negative to local economy.
- DC: Datacenters – Big Water Consequences
- DC: Impacts of heat/noise on ag. – crops, livestock
- DC: Health impacts to people
- LE: Why is the proposal in Ames (where many students live)?
- DC: Ensure when Council makes decisions, Council is informed

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- DC: Hire experts to determine impacts of DC. Evaluate different site.
- LE: Worried about leak in closed loop system. Plan to prevent the leak and how to respond. People don't want it here, public feedback against LE (petition), survey tonight.
- DC: Datacenters don't bring any meaningful economic benefits. Worried about water depletion.
- Cautious on front end to avoid problems.
- LE: People don't want it. Concerned about pollution-nitrates.

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- DC/LE: Takes energy equal to 18,000 households, negative if AI, contributes to water quality/quantity problems
- LE: A lot energy. How many cities have LE size? Any regulation to prevent AI? In future.
- Datacenters – Not rely on AI for answers
- LE: A lot of utility work. Don't trust business, they must pay for all costs. Environment issues.

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- DC: Net benefit of local businesses and residents?
- LE: Need environmental impact study. Review how LE has impacted Altoona.
- DC: Big companies come to town, ruin livelihood of local residents.
- DC: Use zoning to limit ability of datacenter to develop until we have more answers.

- LE: Within a mile, large population. Less populated by Izaak Walton League.
- LE: Consider areas that are further away – Noise (humming, droning) concern.
- LE: Would diesel generators be allowed?
- LE: Promises should be in contract, codes
- LE: Be cautious of datacenter expertise, knowledge in negotiations.
- LE: Why the rush? Need a moratorium. Wait until ISU students are back. No details have been provided.

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- LE: Can this be put on the ballot?
- LE: Need an infrastructure policy and moratorium until the policy is established.
- DC: Water usage concern.
- LE: Concern that this decision (Lightedge) will set a precedent.
- LE: Behind schedule on Climate Action Plan.
- LE: Energy should come from green sources.
- DC: What benefits would project have for the community?
- DC: Concerns with food and water, AI, power.
- LE: The City should hire outside counsel to evaluate the agreement with Lightedge.
- LE: Climate Action Plan adherence.
- LE: Precedent of allowing Lightedge in.
- LE/DC: Datacenter does not employ many, but uses lots of electricity

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- LE: What is the business case for the electric utility from this project?
- LE: What is the benefit to the community? Cost/benefit.
- LE: Know more about the benefit to the City.
- LE: Can this be slowed down? Why the rush?
- DC: Dismissive of petition, concerns of community members.
- DC: Adamantly opposed.
- LE: Not enough research.
- LE: Why the hurry?
- LE: Why no public vote?
- LE: Don't see the benefit to Ames.
- DC: Datacenter cannot be green.
- DC: Focus on job creation.
- LE: Proposal is vague.

- LE: Staff report was vague.

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- LE: Do not understand benefit to Ames.
- LE: Concerned we do not know impacts to the environment. Would be interested in more info about LE's environmental impacts/record.
- LE: Worry about the precedent it sets.
- LE: Speed of proposal is unbelievable.
- LE: Is speed due to tax benefit?
- LE: Closed loop cooling system does not work in Iowa summer.
- LE/DC: What is the benefit to Ames? (economic benefits)
- LE: Noise like "I-80" in the background is not quiet.
- LE: Heat, electricity, noise, network, connectivity, water concerns.
- LE: Enforcement of City making LE pay its expenses.
- LE: Local company vs. larger company.
- DC: Cannot forge ahead without regulations on AI.

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- LE: How do we regulate what they do with their servers?
- LE: What burden does the facility place on local internet infrastructure?
- LE: Location/proximity to "T.E.L.C."
- LE: Environmental impact study – birds, wildlife?
- DC: Lack of benefit to the community.
- LE: Water consumption – how often is "when needed"? Additional water usage?
- LE: Volume of water used and water quality.
- LE: Impacts to groundwater, Mississippi watershed.
- LE: Nitrates concern.
- LE: Wait until ISU is back in session.
- LE: Should be on the ballot.
- LE: Prairie conservation is preferred – restore to prairie.
- LE: Need water quality improvements.

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- Criticism about the process for tonight's meeting.
- Would like to have seen more notification about this meeting.
- City Council goals prioritize environmental sustainability. How does this project fit that?

- LE: Not much concrete info has been provided by Lightedge.
- LE: Need to have an independent analysis on the project.
- LE: Community vote?
- LE: Students aren't here.
- LE: Rushed process.

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Ways to better inform community

- Physical Mail
- Calendars with dates of City meetings
- Emails
- Timing issue (need more than a week)
- Utility mailer

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- LE: Are there legal protections to prevent companies from litigating if denied approval? If LE is allowed, does the precedent make this worse?
- LE: Ensure the expertise is independent of the company.
- LE: Environmental analysis should start soon to gather data as a baseline.
- LE: Identify the benefit to Ames before completing an environmental study.