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New Mexico Environment Department
Office of Public Facilitation
Attn: Pamela Jones
Runnels Building
1190 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: *Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC-Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit*

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board:

On behalf of the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Project Jupiter and to respectfully urge the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to approve its pending air quality permit.

As an organization dedicated to promoting business development, job creation, and economic prosperity in our community, we recognize Project Jupiter as a transformative, once-in-a-generation opportunity that will bring billions of dollars in private capital investment to our region.

For the Hispanic Chamber and our members, this project represents a potential driver for local economic equity. It will create thousands of good-paying, union-affiliated construction jobs along with dozens of highly skilled, permanent operational positions upon completion of the campus. Project Jupiter's commitment to partnering with local universities and trade schools for workforce training also ensures that our diverse local workforce is prepared to succeed in the clean energy economy. Beyond employment, the project will significantly expand our local tax base, generating vital revenue to help fund essential public services that our families rely on, including local schools, infrastructure upgrades, and emergency services.

We are also encouraged by Project Jupiter's commitment to environmental stewardship, including its switch to using hydrogen fuel cells instead of natural gas to power the campus while protecting the air quality in our community. Project Jupiter is also designed with advanced water-recycling technologies to minimize its overall water consumption. This responsible approach ensures that we can foster a robust clean energy economy without placing an unsustainable burden on our shared water supply.

Project Jupiter is the future of sustainable economic mobility for Southern New Mexico. We strongly encourage NMED to approve the air quality permit and support this vital initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Aguilar".

Richard Aguilar

Executive Director, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement: *The Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce provides leadership for the advancement of economic prosperity for our region and our diverse membership.*