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New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Re: Public Comment in Support of Air Quality Permit Applications for Project Jupiter
(Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC)**

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board,

We submit these comments on behalf of Boilermakers Local 627 and Local 4 in support of the air quality permit applications filed by Acoma, LLC for Project Jupiter in Doña Ana County.

Our organizations represent highly skilled union craftspeople who build, operate, and maintain critical infrastructure across the Southwest. Boilermakers are trained to the highest safety and technical standards, and our members have extensive experience constructing and servicing energy, industrial, and advanced infrastructure facilities that must operate safely, efficiently, and in full compliance with environmental regulations.

From a labor perspective, Project Jupiter represents a substantial opportunity for working families in New Mexico and the broader region.

Large-scale projects of this magnitude require a skilled, well-trained workforce capable of executing complex construction and long-term operational responsibilities. Project Jupiter's scope creates sustained demand for union labor, including welders, pipefitters, mechanics, and operators whose training emphasizes safety, precision, and environmental compliance. These are not temporary or speculative benefits — they are real jobs with real wages that support households, local businesses, and communities.

Equally important is the role these projects play in sustaining apprenticeship and training programs. Projects like Project Jupiter provide the on-the-job training opportunities that allow apprentices to advance, gain certifications, and build lifelong careers in the trades. That pipeline is essential to meeting future workforce needs and ensuring that New Mexico has the skilled labor necessary to support both existing industries and emerging technologies.

Our members also understand firsthand the importance of environmental responsibility. Union labor is deeply invested in doing work the right way — safely, responsibly, and in compliance with all applicable standards. Air quality permitting that is grounded in sound science and best-available control technologies ensures that facilities operate responsibly while allowing skilled workers to do their jobs. A clear, consistent permitting process benefits workers, communities, and regulators alike.

Project Jupiter's design, including the use of advanced microgrid systems and modern emissions controls, reflects the type of infrastructure investment that aligns reliability, environmental performance, and workforce opportunity. Just as importantly, the project's independent power systems help avoid shifting costs onto local ratepayers, protecting the very communities where our members live and work.

For union workers, certainty matters. When projects that meet regulatory requirements are allowed to move forward, it provides confidence that investment will translate into jobs, training, and long-term economic stability. Uncertainty or unnecessary delay undermines that stability and discourages future projects that could employ New Mexico's skilled workforce.

For these reasons, Boilermakers Local 4 and Boilermakers Local 627 respectfully support approval of the air quality permit applications for Project Jupiter as submitted. We appreciate the Environmental Improvement Board's role in maintaining environmental protections while allowing responsible development that supports working families and strengthens New Mexico's economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob Evenson", written in a cursive style.

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