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

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

Members of the Board,

As school board president of Gadsden Independent School District, I'm writing to express my strong support for Project Jupiter, which I believe offers significant benefits to the community.

Project Jupiter's commitment to investing millions in Doña Ana County's schools, infrastructure, and local services will strengthen our communities and offer students career pathways to successful careers right here in the county.

Project Jupiter promises a significant economic boost, creating 4,000 good-paying construction jobs, followed by 1,500 project-supported positions, that will increase local spending across the community and support small businesses and bolster opportunities for students in the area.

Furthermore, Project Jupiter has committed \$50 million to help repair, upgrade, and improve local water systems; \$360 million in direct support for schools, infrastructure, and local services; and \$6.9 million to fund workforce development initiatives along with supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces, clean drinking water, the local community college, and habitat restoration. These are investments that will grow opportunities for our youth.

Additionally, Project Jupiter's heard the community's concerns and has decided to use a new energy strategy to reduce regulated emissions and water usage. All these benefits combined contribute to a strong and vibrant community.

I urge the New Mexico Environment Department to approve this important project which can help build a more economically diverse and vibrant community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christian Lira
Board President
Gadsden Independent School District