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New Mexico is a very dry state as it is, and generative ai consumes a lot of water that could be used for much better purposes. The Rio Grande is drying up, with the flow coming close to a complete halt. When I was a child the lakes and rivers were full, but now wherever you go there is droughts and empty lakes. Elephant butte having gone twice with just a two week difference having a dramatic decrease in water levels. I believe that we need to redistribute our water. I believe there are other locations that also need water such as our reservations, but that is for you guys to oversee. Please protect our wildlife and our bosque. New Mexico is known for being a dessert, but we have a beautiful bosque next to the Rio. Without water it will not look the same as it does now. We have seen time and time again that the communities next to these data centers have tainted water and over all negatively impact them. The air quality will also be dramatically affected, and not for the better as you know. You know this will negatively affect our ecosystem, I am sure you all have been told, but please take it into consideration once more.

The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably.

The air quality permit application should be denied outright given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism directed at residents of Doña Ana County.

If the permit is not denied outright, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.