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I urge the Air Quality Bureau at NMED to reject Project Jupiter's air quality permit because their new fuel cells are not proven effective at their scale, Bloom Energy, the company behind the fuel cells has a history of illegal dumping of hazardous waste, the emissions in construction and operation will be larger than that of the three largest cities in New Mexico combined, and with over 70% of US citizens opposing data centers being built in their communities, it's clear that New Mexicans, who have historically felt the impacts of extractive industry, do not want another project that will degrade our land and our health. This PR stunt that they're pulling to pay New Mexicans to promote the data center on social media, as well as speaking to families and youth near UNM campus, Railyards Market, and other beloved spots in Albuquerque shows that they are desperately trying to pull any support together that they can. If it was truly beneficial to our communities it wouldn't be this difficult for them to gain support. As a young person who studies Sustainability and Environmental Planning at UNM, I can tell you that this project is being greenwashed. Please stand on the right side of history, no matter the pressure that they may give you. I ask for the public comment period to be extended 60 days so that there is more time for members of our community to respond and if the permit is not denied a public hearing should be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish with an option to participate virtually. Thank you for your attention to this matter.