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DOÑA ANA COUNTY FARM & LIVESTOCK BUREAU

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New Mexico Environment Department
Air Quality Bureau, Permitting Section
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Submitted Via Electronic

**RE: Comments on Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC - YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application.
Permit No. 10883**

New Mexico Environment Department,

Doña Ana County Farm and Livestock Bureau (DAF&LB) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application.

DAF&LB represents members involved in all aspects of agriculture from dairy and livestock to fruits and vegetables. Our mission is to promote and protect agriculture in the New Mexico County of Doña Ana. We are charged with the important task of representing our members' interests when it comes to impending regulations and programs.

As the New Mexico Environment Department assesses the YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application, DAF&LB respectfully requests that you consider:

- How did NMED identify and evaluate agricultural resources within the project's area of influence, including farms, ranches, grazing lands, irrigated agriculture, specialty crops, orchards, greenhouses, pollinators, and agricultural workers?
 - o What were the findings regarding potential impacts from the proposed facility's emissions?
 - o If any agricultural resources were not evaluated, what was the basis for determining that such analysis was unnecessary?
- Did NMED evaluate whether emissions from the facility, including hazardous air pollutants could be deposited into nearby watersheds, stock ponds, or groundwater recharge areas? If so, what were the findings?
- What measures are in place to prevent air emissions, runoff, spills, or other contaminants from affecting nearby agricultural land and irrigation systems?
- Has the applicant evaluated cumulative impacts from this project along with other industrial facilities in the region, and what are the long-term implications for agriculture?
- What sources of water will be used throughout each phase of the project, and has NMED evaluated whether those withdrawals could affect local groundwater supplies or water availability for agricultural users.

- How has the company engaged with farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts, and agricultural organizations, and what commitments will it make to protect agricultural interests?

DAF&LB encourages sustainable practices of water management and maintaining a future for agriculture and rural living. With that being said, farmers, ranchers, and members of DAF&LB are concerned about the cumulative water usage of facilities and projects in the surrounding areas. The excessive use of water resources limits the already scarce water available to farmers and ranchers.

DAF&LB understands the versatility of the land and natural resources and recognizes the steps that have been taken to use energy generation systems with lower expected emissions and normal daily water use. We believe that farmers and ranchers are stewards of the land and natural resources continuing to provide for consumers at the local, state, and national level. The voice of those within our communities is vital to productive collaboration, we encourage discussion throughout the process, inviting those who have historically called the valley home, working and managing the land.

Once again, DAF&LB appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application. DAF&LB looks forward to further engaging in this process and appreciates your consideration of our members' viewpoints.