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This permit should not be approved. Our State should not support this billion dollar project for which we would not see any benefits, only additional pollution and water stress. New Mexico will not benefit long-term. A few thousand construction jobs will not be a "significant investment" in our community. Instead, this project will only stress our drought tolerance more. Look around the country - these grids are destroying communities.

The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. Ending the public comment window the day after a holiday weekend is not equitable.

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.

Approving this permit would be environmental racism and would contribute to the growing inequality in our society. Your department is enabled with making choices that can have far greater effects and as such, need to take into account New Mexico's history as a sacrificial zone for industry, and also are growing consciousness with how to make things right for today and for tomorrow. Thank you for listening. I sincerely hope that you listen as this State is your home as well.