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I am strongly opposed to Project Jupiter for the reasons listed below!!!

Developers behind Project Jupiter have asked state environment officials to sign off on their plans to emit more greenhouse gases than the state's two largest cities combined, and to generate as much electricity as the state's largest power company.

Project Jupiter could emit more than 14 million tons of greenhouse gases per year. By comparison, Albuquerque and Las Cruces emit a combined 6.7 million metric tons of greenhouse gases annually, according to both cities' climate action plans. The applications also say developers seek to install 41 turbines to annually generate about as much electricity as PNM.

Developers filed two applications, one for a "west microgrid" and one for an "east microgrid." A microgrid is a self-reliant energy grid that doesn't need to draw power from a larger utility, like PNM or El Paso Electric.

For months, plans have made it clear that developers want to build natural gas generating stations for Project Jupiter's microgrids, prompting concerns from residents and lawmakers that the data centers won't comply with the state's landmark clean energy law, which requires utilities to use 50% renewable energy by 2030, 80% by 2040 and 100% by 2045.

The applications show that together, the microgrids will emit nearly 500 tons per year of nitrogen oxides, an important ingredient in contributing to ozone.