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New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
c/o New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Support for Air Quality Permit Applications for Project Jupiter (Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC)

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board,

New Mexico has an immense opportunity before it. Project Jupiter has the potential to unlock new long-term investments, create jobs, and drive the state's economy to new heights. With that in mind, I write to express my support for the air quality permit applications for Project Jupiter.

Our state is in a race to attract talent, jobs, and investment. Artificial intelligence is the new frontier and has the potential to revolutionize every aspect of our lives. It is crucial that New Mexico play a leading role in this transformation, and we have an opportunity before us to become as regional, if not national hub, for the industry. With 4,000 construction jobs, and more than 1,500 permanent full-time jobs at all skill and education levels, with high paying salaries that will support strong middle-class families, it is an opportunity to put money into the pockets of New Mexicans with quality long-lasting jobs.

Project Jupiter is more than a jobs engine; this project will bring significant investment in the public institutions we all share. Tax revenue generated by this project will improve roads, support law enforcement, provide needed public services to support growth, and will go directly to the local school systems. All while direct investment in higher education and trade schools will ensure were preparing the next generation of technicians, mechanics, robotic engineers, hydraulic, and IT professionals alongside the AI safety researchers, infrastructure engineers, and agentic project managers. The opportunity for not just the next generation of the New Mexico workforce, but generations after that, will all see the long-term investments of this project.

Progress often comes with trade-offs, but this project is closely aligned and in compliance with the New Mexico Clean Energy Transition Act, which should provide a great deal of reassurance. Furthermore, the usage of on-site generation through a microgrid means this project will not provide additional strain on our utilities, protecting ratepayers while supporting regional resiliency. While the closed loop cooling system means that the water usage will be limited to that of a typical office building.

Project Jupiter represents a generational opportunity to push New Mexico to new heights. I urge the Environmental Improvement Board to approve these air quality permits.

Sincerely,

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