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I am writing to oppose the approval of the air permit requested by Project Jupiter. The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so all community members can participate equitably. Many of the community members who will be most affected by this have only recently learned about the detrimental effects that Project Jupiter will have on their livelihoods and the environment. Furthermore, Bloom Energy's past record of illegal dumping of hazardous waste should concern us all. Santa Teresa and Sunland Park are home to a largely Hispanic/Latino low-income population, many of whom are monolingual Spanish speakers. I fear that the people behind Project Jupiter see this community as disposable and irrelevant. Otherwise they would not be proposing to create so much damage to them and the place they call home. The damages of data centers in other low-income communities have been well-documented and it is shameful that our leaders are not doing more to stop this. I encourage the Department to deny this air quality permit application and, if it cannot be denied, I urge you to have a public hearing in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually. I have been appalled at the lengths that PJ has gone to garner "support" for their cause, going as far as purposefully creating false comments on this platform under the names of real unsuspecting citizens. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as the residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. While I may currently reside in Las Cruces, I grew up in Sunland Park and understand first-hand the environmental racism that many there are still facing. My mother and sister still live in the area and have not been able to drink tap water in over a decade. They have to buy filtered water to drink and cook with because CRRUA has been recklessly incompetent at best and purposefully endangering the citizens at worst. Just this past week, my sister noticed that her water pressure has changed. She lives near the PJ construction site in Santa Teresa. It has been documented that people that live near data centers have experienced changes in their water pressure because of the demands that the data centers place on existing infrastructure. If this is happening now, I fear what will occur as this center nears completion and begins operating. Our community and resources are worth protecting. I hope we can all come together to do the right thing: deny this air permit and retract any support for Project Jupiter and any other data centers in New Mexico. Thank you for your time and consideration.