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To the New Mexico Environment Department:

My name is Ethan Campbell. I am a lifelong resident of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and I am submitting this comment in formal opposition to the Yucca Growth Infrastructure YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application.

I want to be clear about who I am and where I stand. I contacted my county commissioners before the vote on the \$165 billion in industrial revenue bonds for Project Jupiter last September. I made my opposition known. They approved it anyway, without a public vote, in a process that two separate lawsuits now allege violated state law, including the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. A judge has already ruled that the petitioners challenging that approval may be entitled to relief. My voice was not heard then. I am submitting this comment to make sure it is on the record now.

I oppose the issuance of this air quality permit for the following reasons:

The emissions figures in this application are not a minor local concern. Public notices estimate the facility's air pollution at 10.1 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, which is equivalent to 75% of the entire state's electric carbon emissions and more than Albuquerque and Las Cruces combined. That is not a data center. That is a major industrial emitter, and it is being proposed for a community that never asked for it and never voted on it. ABQ Journal

The EPA designated an area near Sunland Park as a marginal nonattainment area due to ozone pollution that already exceeds allowable federal standards. This permit would add an enormous new emissions source to a region already struggling to meet air quality benchmarks. The people breathing that air are my neighbors. Santa Fe New Mexican

I do not believe the money Oracle, OpenAI, and STACK Infrastructure will generate from this project will stay in Dona Ana County. The \$165 billion in industrial revenue bonds approved for this project includes a decades-long property tax exemption — meaning the wealth created here leaves, and the community that absorbs the environmental cost receives almost nothing in return. I did not ask for my air, my water, my energy grid, or my land to be used to generate profits for corporations headquartered far from here. Santa Fe New Mexican

I am also writing to note that I am aware that residents in Las Cruces, Albuquerque, and Rio Rancho have recently come forward stating that identical form letters supporting this permit were submitted to this Department under their names without their knowledge or consent, by canvassers working on behalf of Project Jupiter. I want this Department to know that this comment is mine. I wrote it. I am submitting it. My opposition to this project is genuine and longstanding.

I am asking the New Mexico Environment Department to deny this permit application and to hold a full public hearing in Santa Teresa, in the community that will actually live with this decision, before any further action is taken.

Sincerely,

Ethan Campbell

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