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I'm writing to express my dismay that this development has gotten this far, it is patently obvious to the most casual of observers that this will benefit only the developers themselves, and cost every resident of this state. We don't need to pollution, we don't have the water, we have better uses for the land, the sacrifices for a few short term construction jobs and a longer employment for a small handful of people is not worth it.

Also they've made clear what sort of trust they should be granted with the shameful tactics employed by their PR firm, no doubt they will claim they had no knowledge and are not responsible for the actions of their contractors. What an insult to the people of New Mexico, at a bare minimum the developers and anyone associated with them should be barred for perpetuity from ever doing business within our state, ideally they should be fined into the red and made to rehab the land they've already torn up. With a willingness to commit this illegal behaviour the idea that they will keep any promise made to us about how they will operate their data center, the jobs they would provide, and the resources they will consume is laughable.

Furthermore:

I am submitting this comment to share my opposition to the Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC-YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application. Please deny this application for the following reasons:

*YGI's application should be denied by NMED because YGI failed to include all relevant information about Bloom Energy's problematic history.

*Bloom Energy's Fuel Cells are not clean energy – no matter what YGI says. These fuel cells generate significant NOX, CO, and VOCs, all of which contribute to negative health impacts, as well as hazardous solid waste that cannot be ignored by NMED.

*Permitting any microgrid facility will result in a clear example of environmental racism and NMED is required to ensure no group of people bears a disproportionate share of negative environmental consequences. This is especially important because Doña Ana County residents already bear the disproportionate burden of environmental pollution compared to the rest of New Mexico.

*NMED should give the public 60 days of additional time to review and comment on the Application to ensure everyone can meaningfully comment and participate.

*If NMED does not reject YGI's application, NMED must hold a public hearing on the Application in both English and Spanish, in a hybrid format and in person in Santa Teresa.

Thank you for your time,

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