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I firmly oppose the Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC-YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application. Please deny this application for the following reasons:

1) Bloom Energy's Fuel Cells are NOT clean energy – no matter what YGI may say! 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. For this to project to occur in an area with already some of the worst air quality in the country would be an egregious failure of responsibility for some of New Mexico's most vulnerable communities and environments.

2) 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, and the county is consistently one of the poorest in the state. We also lack access to quality health care. This will be detrimental to our community's health.

3) 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. The organizers behind this permit application are engaging in predatory practices to gain supporters across the state, lying to the public about the negative effects this project will have on the state and region as a whole.

4) 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. We who live in the dictionary affected communities have not been properly heard from or had ample time to understand and fight against this evil project.

Thank you for your time.