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I am writing to express my extreme opposition for Project Jupiter, which will be detrimental for our community as a whole.

Project Jupiter is poised to bring noise pollution, huge increases in energy costs, all while it poisons the air, soil, and water in Doña Ana County and El Paso, TX. It is going to create severe economic hardship as El Paso Electric is proposing raising our residential utility rates by 50%. Furthermore, the talking points that Project Jupiter will:

- * \$50 million to help repair, upgrade, and improve local water systems;
- * \$360 million in direct support for schools, infrastructure, and local services;
- * \$6.9 million to fund workforce development initiatives along with supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces, clean drinking water, the local community college, and habitat restoration.

...is ridiculous corporate propaganda that no one with a shred of intelligence believes. The only people who want this data center are the corrupt billionaire oligarch ruling class.

In every single location where there is a data center, there have been immense, adverse financial costs to the community and harmful environmental impacts which cannot and should not be ignored. The notion that Project Jupiter is somehow different, benign, and will improve Dona Ana County and nearby El Paso, TX is utter fantasy and nonsense.

I urge the New Mexico Environment Department to terminate and cancel this abomination because it will only bring harm and ruin to our area.

Sincerely,

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