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I implore the NMED to deny this permit request. Not only does this permit request exceed legal limits of PPM toxic limits of pollutants/greenhouse gas emissions but a power plant of this nature has NEVER been accomplished anywhere in the world. We are not a testing ground for Bloom Energy Cells. They have proven, time and again, that they are an unreliable company that disregards local and federal protections because they have been fined \$1.4 million dollars for illegally storing and dumping hazardous waste by several states. The next largest Bloom Energy power generator is 1,000 smaller than what they are proposing for this site. The numbers that are provided in this application are incomplete or "rounded." We cannot take a risk or rely on their rounded estimates to allow these volatile fuel cells to be operating in one of the hottest parts of this country. These fuel cells operate at 1,1470°F! This will create a heat island in the Sunland Park and Santa Teresa (SP/ST) area. The people of SP/ST deserve clean air and they are currently living in a non-attainment zone. Their air quality is already dangerous, by installing this power plant, this will exacerbate and put the people there at risk. It makes no sense to put this power plant in SP/ST.

NMED- is it YOUR job to "protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous NM for present and future generations." Why wasn't this permit outright denied because they are proposing to contribute 10 million tons of CO₂ into a non-attainment zone? This number is astronomical to consider for a SINGLE entity, for a couple of businesses who have no other investment in our beautiful state.

Why for such a large project are we given a mere 30 days to respond? This is a historical decision for the entire state, and quite frankly, something that will affect our international border with Mexico. We require an additional 60 days to review the jargon-laden application, and respond. The people deserve more time and consideration. This will affect the people. This will affect the global climate catastrophe. The large corporations who own this application have easily hired employees \$25/hour to canvass throughout the state to obtain signatures in support of this application but those people do not understand what they are signing. They are not provided the entire application, they cannot decipher the details of this application in their five-minute conversation with an ill-informed and job-desperate individual. This is not just.

Every detail of this entire project, of this operation of canvassers, of the amount of pollution, on the dollar amount is UNPRECEDENTED for this state. We cannot function as if it is business as usual.

If this application is pushed through, NMED is obligated to the people they serve to hold a hearing. If this application is pushed through, NMED is ushering in such a severe environmental hazard onto the people of ST/SP and Doña Ana County, where majority of the citizens are of a minority race. The Latiné population will be afflicted with health risks induced by the carbon, methane, nitrogen oxide, volatile organic compounds, benzenes, xylenes, and particulate matter from this permit. The population will suffer because they are being directly impacted by the pollution brought onto us by billionaires that do NOT live here, who will never live here, and who do not see us human beings who deserve access to clean air, water, and planet.

We beg of you, DENY this APPLICATION. Be a force of good for the people of New Mexico.