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New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board

c/o New Mexico Environment Department

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Re: Support for Air Quality Permit Applications for Project Jupiter (Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC)

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board,

As a certified water operator, I understand the importance of balancing economic growth with responsible stewardship of New Mexico's limited water resources. That balance is one of the primary reasons I support the approval of the air quality permits for Project Jupiter.

When large industrial projects are proposed, water use is often one of the first concerns raised. After reviewing the updated plans for Project Jupiter, I believe the project has taken meaningful steps to reduce those concerns. By replacing conventional combustion turbines with Bloom Energy's solid oxide fuel cell technology, the project will dramatically reduce air emissions while using only a fraction of the water traditionally required for power generation.

Equally important is Project Jupiter's commitment to invest \$15 million to improve the local water utility system serving the surrounding community. Investments of this size help strengthen aging infrastructure, improve system reliability, and create lasting benefits that extend well beyond a single development project. Improvements to water infrastructure benefit existing residents, future customers, and the long-term sustainability of the region.

Reliable infrastructure extends beyond water alone. Producing electricity on-site through advanced fuel cell technology reduces pressure on New Mexico's electric grid while providing

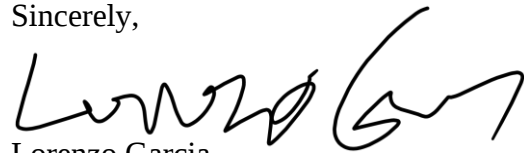
dependable power for critical operations. Combining cleaner energy production with water-efficient technology demonstrates that economic development and environmental responsibility can move forward together.

Project Jupiter represents an opportunity to bring high-quality jobs, private investment, and infrastructure improvements to southern New Mexico while incorporating technology that substantially lowers emissions and conserves one of our state's most valuable resources. In my view, this project establishes a strong example of how responsible development should be approached.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the Environmental Improvement Board to approve the air quality permits for Project Jupiter.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued service to the people of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorenzo Garcia', with a stylized, flowing script.

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