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I am adamantly opposed to the Jupiter Project and the "microgrid" applied for. (I understand they need two microgrids and are proposing two purely to meet regulatory requirements that one large grid would be unable to meet.) My first and foremost concern is that New Mexico cannot afford to provide the water required to support it. In this extended drought—which by all signs is bound to get worse—we need our waters for crops and livestock, for wildlife, for municipalities, and to keep commitments for downstream regions (Texas and Mexico). Secondly, any new construction of this magnitude must be required to use renewable energy. I've seen no indication that that is the intent of the Jupiter Project. Furthermore, this project will pollute our air, water and land and have an immense carbon footprint. It's not worth any amount of promised economic benefits to deplete our precious water, consume greenhouse gasses, and pollute our wonderful state. Please deny this and all future applications regarding Project Jupiter. Thank you.