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Proposed Data center

From a concerned resident and neighbor of Kern County;

I am writing to submit my vehement opposition to the installation of the RB Inyokern Data Center which is currently in its draft phase. Data centers have NO place near residential areas, and specifically, in areas where we the people have a right to the peaceful enjoyment of our properties. You may already know that our water basin is in "critical overdraft" status. That may not mean a lot to a private company seeking to exploit the scant resources of our precious desert, but it means a lot to us local residents!

I'd like to further highlight my other concerns with a data center being installed less than 2 miles from my property:

- The noise pollution from nearby data centers often meets or exceeds the allowable level to prevent debilitating damage to a person's use of their property. As a military veteran who suffers from hearing loss and tinnitus, I strongly recommend you do not allow this installation to continue.

- The dust from installation projects revolving around data centers typically produces particulates and pollutants that increase the risk of cardiovascular diseases, asthma, and other respiratory illnesses. We already deal with enough dust from the Northern winds and dry lake beds in the Owens Valley, we DO NOT need more!

- Utility (electricity) consumption increases exponentially in areas where data centers exist. Often, the burden for this increase falls on the middle class tax payers and not the real culprit. We already deal with increasingly rising costs of electricity rates here in the Indian Wells Valley and we CANNOT sustain any more any longer. You will be driving us out of our homes, neighborhoods, and communities with the rise of cost in utilities.

- We enjoy dark skies here in the valley on a nightly basis. Our typical skies produce a 3-4 range on the Bortle Class Scale. This will no longer be the case with the installation of a new data center near our homes. The desert sky will be awash with reflected, artificial light which will reduce our views and create a nuisance to those of us who are forced to bear being in proximity to it.

- Lastly, as previously stated, our water situation is dire. As a co-owner and vice president of a local well cooperative, I can personally attest to the burden of acquiring running water and you CANNOT allow more tenants to draft large quantities of water from our precious aquifers. If we lose water to our homes, an entire rural community of Kern County (which supports the nearby Naval Air Station) will be worthless and its

residents forced to relocate or leave entirely. DO NOT allow this to happen.

Please consider and read carefully everything I have objected to and DO NOT allow the installation of the RB Inyokern Data Center.