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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



May 22, 2026

California Energy Commission
Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: RB Inyokern Data Center — Docket No. 26-SPPE-01 — SUPPORT

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Kern Economic Development Corporation (Kern EDC), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the RB Inyokern Data Center (RBIDC) (Docket No. 26-SPPE-01), a proposed 99 MW next-generation AI campus in unincorporated East Kern County.

Kern EDC represents a coalition of business, education, and government leaders dedicated to ensuring a diverse and strong economic climate for Kern County. Kern EDC focuses its collaborative efforts on recruiting new business opportunities and assisting in the retention and expansion of existing businesses. The project delivers meaningful and measurable results across all three pillars of Kern EDC's economic development litmus test, generating substantial tax revenue, quality jobs, and significant capital investment for the region.

The RBIDC represents a \$250 million infusion of private investment into Kern County, bringing significant economic opportunities to the Indian Wells Valley region. The project will support over 590 construction workers at peak employment during the multi-year construction period and 30 to 60 permanent jobs upon completion.

The RBIDC is also expected to generate more than \$6 million in annual property tax revenue, benefiting Kern County and local school, fire, and special districts. All project-related infrastructure costs, including road upgrades, utility connections, and fire protection enhancements, will be borne entirely by the developer.

Kern EDC respectfully requests the Commission's approval of the Small Power Plant Exemption for this project. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Chapman
President & CEO