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California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 26-SPPE-01
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RE: RB Inyokern Data Center — Public Comment Record Concerns

Dear Chair Hochschild and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the RB Inyokern Data Center project and would like to raise concerns regarding the accuracy, integrity and origin of many of the opposition comments submitted in this proceeding.

While reviewing the docket, I noticed that numerous comments contains nearly identical language, formatting, and claims. After tracing the source, I found that many appear to originate from a website, <http://inyokerndc.fyi/> which provides a pre-written template for users to copy and submit to the Commission and other agencies.

The site specifically encourages visitors to submit the same language to the CEC docket, Kern County officials, and elected representatives, often with little or no modification. As a result, many filings that appear to be independent public comments are repetitions of the same prepared material.

My concern is not that people are commenting — public participation is important and appropriate. The concern is that several of the repeated claims being circulated are inaccurate or misleading when compared against the project record.

The SPPE process is a CEQA-equivalent review conducted by the California Energy Commission and includes analysis of water, air quality, biological resources, traffic, noise, and other environmental factors before any approval decision is made.

It is also worth noting that the website promoting these talking points is anonymous. There is no information identifying who operates the site, what their qualifications are, or whether the claims being circulated come from a credible source. Frankly, it starts to feel like one of those chain emails your aunt forwards at midnight that says “send this to ten people immediately,” except this one made its way into a public docket. It is difficult to assess the reliability of the information being repeatedly copied, pasted, and submitted into the public record.

I respectfully ask that the Commission evaluate the public comment record with this context in mind. The number of repeated submissions should not be mistaken for independently verified

factual analysis, particularly where the same incorrect claims are being circulated from a single unverified source.

Based on the materials submitted in the application and supporting documentation, the record reflects:

- Project water demand is substantially lower than figures circulated online
- Water usage represents only a small fraction of the basin's sustainable yield
- The project scope is 99 MW, consistent with the utility service documentation
- Water service has been addressed through the Inyokern Community Services District
- The project remains subject to full environmental review through the SPPE process

The project has also received support from multiple labor and economic development organizations that reviewed the project materials and reached their own conclusions based on the record, rather than relying on repeated online talking points.

At the same time, projects like this can bring meaningful economic benefits to surrounding communities. Increased construction activity, contractors, suppliers, and workforce traffic can positively impact local restaurants, fuel stations, hotels, service providers, and other small businesses throughout the Inyokern area and Kern County. More business activity means more local spending, additional support for small businesses, and continued economic growth within the community.

Data centers are an important part of modern infrastructure and support communication, technology, business operations, and emergency services throughout the country.

I support the RB Inyokern Data Center project and respectfully urge the Commission to consider this proposal based on the merits of the application and the factual record developed through the review process.

Respectfully submitted,

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