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I oppose the proposed data center to be built in Inyokern CA. I have many objections. Foremost is the use of water. Our Indian Wells Valley aquifer has been designated as in Critical Overdraft by the State of California. We have been in overdraft for over 30 years. The water issue is in adjudication. I have been told that there is a regulation or law that says if the area is in overdraft, a data center can not be built.

Another concern I have is the use of electricity. In other areas when data centers are built, their electrical demand increases costs to local rate payers. Kern County is a poor county. My electrical rates are increasing and I am a low-income retiree, relying on social security and small savings. In the event of an electrical interruption, the use of large generators are planned. This would create noise and air pollution. The site is in the heart of the business part of town and within walking distance of an elementary school.

Another concern I have is that the data center would increase the ambient temperature by about four degrees. While that may not seem like much, Inyokern is in the Mojave Desert. We have enough heat most of the year and don't need more! Further, construction would disturb soil. We have coccidioidomycosis spores in our soil which can cause Valley Fever, a very disabling condition that can last for years. Wind blows in our desert spreading spores even with soil wetting. Who will bear the health care costs and lost of income in the event of this illness?

Another concern I have is the timeline for beginning such a project and the costs and financing this project. I also question whether another data center is justified. I have seen a range of statistics showing up to 1000 or more centers in the US, far exceeding the numbers in other countries.

I ask that you give these concerns serious consideration and do not grant approval of this project.