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Docket No. 26-SPPE-01  
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**RE: Support for RB Inyokern Data Center — Docket No. 26-SPPE-01**

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

My name is Colin Lavin and I am the Business Manager of IBEW Local #47 representing over 15,000 members working in both the Utility and Construction Industry and I am writing in support of the RB Inyokern Data Center project.

This project represents exactly the kind of development California needs — large-scale infrastructure built with a union workforce, generating good-paying jobs and significant tax revenue for Kern County. The project owner, R&L Capital, Inc., has signed agreements with the State Building and Construction Trades Council, the Kern, Inyo, and Mono Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, and IBEW Local #47, committing the project to be built under a Project Labor Agreement with union wages, benefits, and apprenticeship.

As an electrical worker in Kern County, good-paying local work is not always easy to find. This project would put hundreds of construction workers on-site at union scale — averaging about 300 workers and peaking near 600 over the four-year build — work that keeps food on the table, pays into our pensions, and trains the next generation of skilled workers through apprenticeship programs. Projects like this are how we build the middle class.

Data centers are the infrastructure of the 21st century. Every time someone uses their phone, streams a movie, or asks an AI a question, that data lives in a facility like this one. California should be building these projects with union labor, prevailing wages, and environmental review — not pushing them to states with no labor standards and no environmental protections.

I respectfully urge the Commission to approve this SPPE application. This project is good for workers, good for Kern County, and good for California.

Respectfully,

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