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California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 26-SPPE-01  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

My name is Kevin Young. I have been a proud member of IBEW Local 428 for 10 years and I live in Ridgecrest, California.

I am writing in strong support of the RB Inyokern Data Center project.

As someone that lives in the city of Ridgecrest, I care deeply about this community. This project is estimated to generate roughly \$5 to \$9 million per year in property tax revenue — money that funds our schools, roads, fire departments, and public services. It's located on industrial-zoned land away from homes, uses less water than a swimming pool, and is undergoing full environmental review by the state. This is the kind of responsible development we need for our area.

I've seen a lot of misinformation on social media about this project. The claims that it will use 1,822 acre-feet of water are false — the actual amount is 36.83 to 49.10 acre-feet per year, which is less than the new city pool in Ridgecrest. The claims about diesel generators running 24/7 are also false — they are for emergency backup only. I urge the Commission to evaluate this project on the facts in the application, not on Facebook posts.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to approve this SPPE application. The RB Inyokern Data Center project is good for workers, good for Kern County, and good for California.

Respectfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Young'.