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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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RE: Suspension of Review of SPPE Application (Docket 26-SPPE-01) Pending
Resolution of Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Adjudication

Dear California Energy Commission:

I am a resident of Ridgecrest, CA, Kern County. I oppose approval of a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) for the proposed RB Inyokern Data Center (99 MW Phase 1).

The Indian Wells Valley is a groundwater basin that is critically over-drafted. It is currently undergoing a comprehensive adjudication (Indian Wells Valley Water District v All Persons Who Claim a Right to Extract Groundwater in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin). From the adjudication the sustainable yield of the basin, water rights allocations, and the legal baseline for future groundwater use will be determined. Until those facts are gathered, analyses of water supply availability or the cumulative impacts for future use are impossible. The CEC cannot provide a finding of “no substantial adverse impact on the environment or energy resources” without appropriate data on our water resources.

I request that the current application be held until the groundwater adjudication is resolved and the Data Center developer can provide a complete and accurate project description based on all relevant data. I also request that the review of this and other new data center applications in the Indian Wells Valley be temporarily suspended until full cumulative impact studies on water resources are conducted. A comprehensive analysis should be provided on the post-adjudication water baseline to the community before any further approvals are issued.

The residents of our valley deserve full transparency and protection of our limited water resources.

Sincerely,

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