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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 Raymond Dodge and I am a journeyman electrician, and proud member of IBEW Local 428. I have worked in the construction industry for 25 years and I live in Bakersfield, California.

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.

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.

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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