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Support Letter

Support Letter for the RB Inyokern Data Center Project

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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 WILLIAM ESTES and I am a JOURNEYMAN PIPEFITTER. I have worked in the construction industry for 26 years and I live in BAKERSFIELD, CA.

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 a PIPEFITTER 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.

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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