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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

August 7, 2026

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:

I am Nicola Giannini, and I am an Ironworker, journeyman. I have been doing this for over 9 years and am a proud member of UNION LOCAL 433, book #1528106. I live in Palmdale, CA and prior to that lived in Kern County for 10 years.

I am writing this because I am completely 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 live in Palmdale and I care about this community. This project is estimated to generate roughly \$5 to \$9 million per year in property tax revenue for Kern County — 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 responsible development.

My personal opinion is that a Data center will add to the improvements in the infrastructure that is needed to improve our future. California should be building these projects with union labor, prevailing wages, and environmental review. I understand every piece of data we use whether it is our phones, computers, even our television preferences will be stored in these data centers. We need to ensure that these companies are built by union employees.

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

Respectfully,

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