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MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 23, 2026

**To:** James Kenney, Cabinet Secretary

**Through:** John Rhoderick, Deputy Secretary  
Michelle Miano, Division Director  
Dana Bahar, Deputy Division Director

**From:** Cindy Hollenberg, Air Quality Bureau Chief

**Subject:** Request for Public Hearing Determination for Air Quality Permit Applications:  
No. NSR 10732 (IDEA ID No. 41309 - PRN20250001), Acoma, LLC – East Microgrid  
No. NSR 10734 (IDEA ID No. 41311 - PRN20250001), Acoma, LLC – West Microgrid

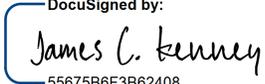
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The Air Quality Bureau received the East Microgrid and West Microgrid applications on November 17, 2025, and ruled them complete on January 22, 2026. The public notices were published in English on January 26, 2026 for the East Microgrid, and on January 27, 2026 for the West Microgrid, and in Spanish on January 30, 2026 for both Microgrids, in the statewide circulating *Albuquerque Journal*. In addition, the public notices were published in English on January 28, 2026 for the East Microgrid, and on January 27, 2026 for the West Microgrid, and in Spanish on January 30, 2026 for both Microgrids, in the local circulating *Las Cruces Sun News*. The public comment period for both applications ended March 2, 2026.

The Air Quality Bureau has received approximately 7,155 public comments during the comment periods noted below, with comments both supporting and opposing the applications for Air Quality Permit No. NSR 10732 (East Microgrid) and Air Quality Permit No. NSR 10734 (West Microgrid). The Air Quality Bureau continues to review the content of the public comments and to date, the majority of public comments reviewed have requested a public hearing. Based on the volume of comments and "significant public interest," and pursuant to 20.2.72.206 NMAC, which provides for the opportunity for a public hearing if the Department Secretary determines there is significant public interest, the Air Quality Bureau is recommending that a public hearing be held on the air permit applications.

I concur

I do not concur

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