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From: Russell Brito, Land Use & Permitting Administrator

RE: EPC 48-hour Rule Comments for November 12, 2020 Public Hearing

PR-2020-004447/SI-2020-001023 – Site Plan – EPC, Group Orion, Gibson/Girard

PNM supports the applicant’s application for approval of a Site Plan – EPC and agrees with the staff recommendation for approval. PNM requests that the wording for recommended finding 16.B. be adjusted as follows:

B. Policy 12.4.5- Facility Plans: Develop, update, and implement facility plans for infrastructure systems, such as drainage, electric transmission, natural gas, and information technology that benefit from cross-agency and public-private coordination.

Because it would create additional electric energy needs, the request would necessitate coordination with the energy provider (PNM) regarding capacity and service expansion to accommodate the use. This could be substation expansion and/or new substations and electric transmission lines, which would necessitate an amendment to the Electric Facilities Plan per the approval processes and standards of the Facility Plan: Electric System Transmission and Generation (2010 – 2020).

PNM also requests that the wording for recommended finding 21 be adjusted as follows:

21. This site plan and its proposed uses will require new substation capacity to serve its electricity demand, including a new transmission corridor and a substation that are interrelated to a developer-initiated project that has gone through a public involvement process and approved by the Environmental Planning Commission. The approval processes and standards of the Facility Plan: Electric System Transmission and Generation (2010 – 2020) will apply to these necessary electric facilities.