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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed installation of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility in our community. While the intention behind such technologies may be to promote green energy, the potential consequences of placing a facility of this nature in our area raise significant concerns. Here are the primary reasons for my opposition:

One of the most pressing issues is the proposal's direct impact on our local greenbelt. This area is not just a buffer zone; it is a vital ecosystem that provides habitat for numerous species, supports biodiversity, and offers recreational space for residents. Sacrificing these green areas to make way for a battery storage facility would not only disrupt wildlife but also diminish the quality of life for our community members who cherish these natural spaces.

The installation of a BESS facility could have unforeseen negative effects on the local environment. The production and disposal of batteries involve toxic materials, including heavy metals and chemicals that can leach into the soil and groundwater. The risk of accidents, such as leakage or fires, poses additional threats to the surrounding environment, potentially contaminating nearby natural resources.

BESS facilities are not silent operations; they generate noise during both construction and ongoing operations. The sounds from equipment, cooling systems, and maintenance activities could significantly disrupt the peace of our community, particularly affecting nearby residents, schools, and parks. This increase in noise pollution could lead to a lower overall quality of life and mental well-being for those living in proximity to the facility.

The construction and operation phases of the BESS facility would result in increased truck traffic and heavy machinery operation. This could lead to further congestion on local roads, posing safety hazards for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly children. The heightened traffic would also contribute to air pollution, contradictory to the very essence of promoting renewable energy. We already have an issue with traffic in and around the surrounding areas which have become a significant concern to all residents.

The installation of an industrial storage facility could adversely affect property values in the area. Prospective homebuyers typically seek neighborhoods that are appealing and serene, often valuing green spaces and natural beauty. The looming presence of a BESS facility would detract from the aesthetic allure of our community, making it less desirable and potentially reducing the market value of homes.

While proponents may argue the benefits of battery storage in reducing our carbon footprint, there are still health concerns associated with such facilities. The potential for chemical leaks, emissions during maintenance, and increased local traffic pollution could inadvertently lead to health issues for residents in the vicinity. These concerns must be taken seriously, particularly when it comes to protecting the vulnerable populations in our community.

In conclusion, the installation of a BESS facility in our community poses numerous risks that outweigh the potential benefits. It threatens our greenbelt, has the potential for serious environmental damage, contributes to noise pollution, increases traffic and safety hazards, threatens property values, and raises health concerns. As members of this community, we must prioritize preserving our natural environment and maintaining our quality of life over short-term energy solutions. I urge all decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative sites or methods that will not place our community at risk.

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