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**Re: Docket No. 24- OPT-02 – Compass Energy Storage Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Dana Point, which is adjacent to the site of the proposed project. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities raise important concerns regarding public safety, emergency response, and environmental impacts. Notably, there have been several fires at commercial BESS sites both in California and across the country. The proposed location is near established residential neighborhoods in San Juan Capistrano and lies downslope from several hundred homes in Laguna Niguel. Additionally, the project site borders Trabuco Creek—an environmentally sensitive watercourse that ultimately flows to the ocean. In the event of a fire at the proposed BESS facility, fire suppression efforts—whether conducted from the ground or air—could introduce harmful compounds into the creek, posing a serious risk to water quality and threatening native flora and fauna.

Given these serious concerns, I urge you to carefully consider the public safety and environmental risks associated with this project. Allowing this facility to move forward in its proposed location would pose a significant threat to nearby communities, critical natural resources, and the ecological integrity of Trabuco Creek. I respectfully request that you reject this project and prioritize the long-term safety and environmental health of our region.

Sincerely,  
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