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I am writing to express my grave concern for the health and safety of the city of San Juan Capistrano with regard to the proposed BESS project to be located within the city limits. The obvious concern is the risk of fire at the facility. One would think on the heels of the catastrophic Altadena and Pacific Palisades fire there would be no logical reason to even consider locating a BESS facility anywhere near homes and businesses. There are thousands of homes and people living in the area that would be in danger of total loss due to fire. In addition to this, if a fire were to occur the facility would be located immediately adjacent to Interstate 5 which is the main transportation corridor between Los Angeles and San Diego. If this freeway were to be closed because of a toxic fire from the BESS, it would cause total chaos for South Orange county and the entire region. The economic fallout and the risk of a toxic and destructive fire make this location completely unacceptable. Please reject the location of this BESS project. It is not compatible with the area whatsoever.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns for the well-being of San Juan Capistrano. It is a historic town that deserves the respect of the CEC to ensure its safety is the committee's top priority when considering these types of projects. The citizens of San Juan Capistrano and thousands of other residents in the area, do not want to live in fear of a potential catastrophe. There have been several fires at existing BESS facilities throughout the state. Please don't increase the possibility of more disasters by locating this project in a highly populated area. Doing so could have devastating consequences.

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