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## **Rebuttal to data response #4**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge the Commission to require the Applicant to fully and fairly analyze industrially zoned alternative sites, specifically the Lambie Industrial Park, for the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project.

The Applicant's dismissal of alternatives is not based on true infeasibility, but on the desire to protect their premature land purchase and pre-permitting contracts, which were signed before any public review or approval. Private business decisions should not dictate the outcome of public review.

### **Key Objections and Superiority of Alternative Sites**

The proposed location on prime agricultural land fundamentally conflicts with Solano County's long-standing policy to protect farmland, as codified in Measure T and recent BESS zoning updates, which now favor Manufacturing and Industrial Zoning Districts like Lambie Industrial Park.

The Lambie Industrial Park site is superior because:

• **Land Use Compliance:** It conforms with Solano County's clear preference for siting BESS projects on industrially zoned land, avoiding the unnecessary, permanent loss of state-protected agricultural resources.

• **Reduced Public Risk:** It is located farther from sensitive receptors (residences, hospitals, senior communities), which would significantly reduce public safety risks (e.g., fire, toxic emissions) and quality-of-life impacts (noise, visual). It would also eliminate the risk of closing a major transportation artery (I-80) during a thermal event.

• **Feasibility and Solutions:** The Applicant's own responses confirmed that alternative sites, including Lambie Industrial Park, meet most project objectives. The logistical challenges cited—such as a longer gen-tie line or a change in interconnection point—are minimal relative to the enormous benefits of appropriate siting. Any short-term delays are reasonable for a long-term project and do not constitute true infeasibility.

### **Conclusion and Request**

The Applicant's refusal to compromise on siting or technology is an attempt to limit meaningful review and shifts the burden of their speculative decisions onto the

community. Their analysis of alternatives is inadequate and self-serving.

I respectfully urge the Commission to:

â€¢ Reject the use of pre-permitting contracts as justification for dismissing superior alternatives.

â€¢ Require a full and fair analysis of industrially zoned sites, directing the Applicant to pursue the Lambie Industrial Park location.

â€¢ Protect Solano County's farmland and residents from the unnecessary siting of a massive industrial facility in an agricultural setting.

Thank you.

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