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## **Docket 24-OPT-05 Support for Lambie Industrial Park Site**

## **Dear Commissioners:**

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding NextEra Energy's proposed Corby BESS project and to urge the California Energy Commission to direct the company to relocate the project to a more appropriate industrial site, Lambie Industrial Park.

According to CEC records, NextEra has confirmed that relocating the project to Lambie Industrial Park is technically feasible. Nevertheless, the company opposes the move, citing potential delays associated with extending a transmission line or modifying project documentation. These are administrative obstacles, not insurmountable barriers — and they pale in comparison to the long-term risks and consequences of siting the project on productive farmland.

It is also important to note that the farmer who sold the Kilkenny property to NextEra is not a Solano County resident and has no stake in our local agricultural community. NextEra's subsequent purchase of additional farmland from the same seller along Byrnes Road and Willow Road, near the irrigation canal, demonstrates a troubling disregard for the intent of Measure T and Solano County's long-standing mission to preserve agricultural land for continued production.

The Lambie Industrial Park location represents a far safer and more responsible alternative. It is not situated on prime farmland and would pose significantly lower risks to nearby homes, schools, farm animals, Kaiser Hospital, and travelers along I-80 in the event of a thermal runaway fire.

Any additional time required to move the project is a small and reasonable price to pay for a responsibly sited, long-term energy project that protects our community, preserves agricultural resources, and aligns with the County's environmental and safety goals for the next 30 years.

There are risks to the Kilkenny Road sight including significant public safety risks, irreversible agricultural and environmental impacts, potential transportation disruptions, strain on community resources, and the developer's attempt to bypass local authority â€" I urge the Commission to deny the Corby BESS Project permit at the Kilkenny Road site.

Please also deny approval for any future large-scale lithium-ion BESS projects proposed within the City of Vacaville or unincorporated Solano County until local regulations, emergency response capabilities, and environmental safeguards are fully established.

Protecting the health, safety, environment, and agricultural heritage of Solano County must take precedence over developer convenience or cost savings. I urge the CEC to stand with our community in ensuring responsible and safe energy development.

I sincerely thank the Commission for examining the viability of the Lambie Industrial Park alternative and for holding developers accountable to community safety and landuse integrity. I respectfully urge you to instruct NextEra to relocate the Corby BESS project to its existing Lambie Industrial Park property without further delay.

Sincerely, Nicole and Chris Neff