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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

October 12, 2025

California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Docket 24-OPT-05: Support for Lambie Industrial Park Site

Dear Commissioners:

My husband and I are the owners of the historic Kilkenny Farm on Kilkenny Road, located on some of the most valuable agricultural land in our community. 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. Our community has been united against the Corby BESS project; we believe that public safety and land preservation must outweigh the developer's convenience.

I have been consistently disappointed by the lack of transparency demonstrated by NextEra Energy. This concern dates back to July 22, 2025, when two fellow homeowners and I met with company representatives at a local Starbucks. During that meeting, I was deeply troubled to learn that the company had already acquired property at the proposed site—an inappropriately identified location—without providing clear public notice.

By that date, only one of the three homeowners residing near the proposed BESS project on Kilkenny Road had received any notification regarding the project or the so-called "meet and greet" event. This lack of outreach suggests a deliberate effort to withhold information from our agriculturally based community.

Moreover, the representatives who attended the meeting were unprepared to answer our questions or address our concerns. Instead, they offered a few vague, public-relations-style presentations and assured us they would follow up with answers. To date, they have not done so.

Solano County had already offered Corby alternative locations, as you are already aware that the County BESS Ordinance prohibits building such a project on prime agricultural land and the company refused, putting their potential profits and convenience ahead of our safety, culture, community as well as travelers on I-80.

I was dismayed to learn, through the October 1, 2025 correspondence from Renee Longman titled "*Corby BESS Rev. 2 Data Requests for Alternatives*," that NextEra already owns property in the Lambie Industrial Park — a location that Solano County has previously identified as a suitable, non-agricultural site for such a project. Until reading this document, I had no idea this property was in their possession.

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.

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

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.

Respectfully,

Linda Geller
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