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Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing to express my concerns regarding, and opposition to, the proposed NextEra - Corby BESS Project on prime agricultural land in Solano County. However, I do support a more suitable alternate location in the Lambie Industrial Park also located in Solano County. I am asking the California Energy Commission to require NextEra to move the Corby BESS project to this location out of serious public safety and appropriate land use concerns.

My concerns center around two main factors: appropriate land usage and public safety. Regarding land usage, the proposed Corby Project location near the intersection of Kilkenny Road and Byrnes Road just outside the city limits of Vacaville is on prime agriculture land and is zoned as such. Placement of a BESS facility on this land is not appropriate because it takes prime agricultural land out of production and is not compatible with the Solano General Plan as well as the voter-approved Measure T. The site is also located within one mile of Interstate 80, the major artery between Sacramento and the Bay Area. Potential closure of this highway due to a fire at this proposed BESS would have severe economic consequences for the region.

Regarding public safety, the proposed site - while outside the Vacaville city limits - is close enough that operations of the facility could affect those city residents that live nearby. A thermal runaway incident - like the one at a BESS project in Moss Landing in January and February, 2025 - would certainly have negative health effects for those residents who live in nearby residential developments and apartment complexes. This would also almost certainly affect or disrupt the operations of the nearby Vacaville Kaiser Medical Center - a Level II trauma center - and of the Vacaville campus of Solano Community College.

NextEra, the developer of the project, has determined that the Lambie Industrial Park is a feasible alternative site for the Corby Project. Though not as convenient for the developer, this alternate site is more appropriate because Lambie is zoned Manufacturing General, which follows Solano County's recently updated BESS Ordinance. This site better addresses the main concerns of appropriate land usage and public health safety.

Thank you for this opportunity to address this important issue. Please seriously consider requiring NextEra to move the Corby BESS Project to the Lambie Industrial Park from its currently proposed location. A little inconvenience is a small price to pay for protecting public safety and for protecting our valuable agricultural land resources.

Sincerely,

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