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## **Deficiencies in Traffic Conditions in Project Update Addendum**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

To: The California Energy Commission

From: Michael Geller

Date: November 16, 2025

I am writing to you today to express my concern over the understatement of project conditions in the Project Description Update Addendum submitted by the applicant.

My first concern is the description of access to the proposed project site completely ignores the route from Interstate 80/Leisure Town Road/Orange Drive/Walnut Road/Willow Road/Kilkenny Road as if it does not exist. As a practical matter, most of the construction workers will come from the Vacaville/Fairfield/Vallejo area, as the Solano County-based trade unions have jurisdiction over the proposed project site. Any phone app (Google Maps, Waze, etc.) will guide individuals to the proposed project site along the aforementioned route. We know this because anytime eastbound traffic on Interstate 80 backs up, each of the phone apps guide the impatient drivers over the pathway I just described. Further, and even more significant, that route is the quickest to get to food and coffee for workers on their lunch break.

The intersection of Orange Drive and Walnut Road is undersized, as is the intersection of Walnut Road and Willow Road. Willow Road is not of sufficient width to allow two vehicles of any size to get by each other at the posted speed limit without at least one vehicle leaving the paved surface of the road. Each time that happens, part of the road is chiseled away from the pavement.

Kilkenny Road is also an issue. The area to the north where the prune orchard currently exists was re-graded prior to the planting of the orchard. The grading flows from north to south resulting in flooding of the road surface with as little as 1.5" of precipitation. Again, two vehicles cannot safely get by each other without at least one leaving the surface of the road. In the rainy season, Kilkenny Road looks like something you would expect to see in a Third-World country.

These conditions are problems presented by the applicants selection of this location of their proposed project and could result in damage and harm to individuals that use the roadways for their everyday needs.

We also find the applicant has failed to adequately assess the impact the construction and hauling activities will have on Weber Road and Byrnes Road, neither of which is equipped to deal with the heavy modules containing the battery units. The modules will need to be unloaded on site by a crane of some type which we anticipate will be of significant size to be of concern in damaging the roadway upon its arrival(s) and departure(s) from the proposed project site.

Trusting your attention to these issues will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report, I am,

Sincerely,

Michael Geller

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