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California Energy Commission 715 "P" Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket Number : 24-OPT-02

Project Title : Compass Energy Storage Project

I am a resident of the City of San Juan Capistrano, CA. which is a historical town with the oldest neighborhood in California , 248 plus years old, and I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility! The project applicant, Compass Energy Storage LLC, is proposing to construct, own and operate an approximately 250-Megawatt BESS facility on a 13 acre site along the northern part of San Juan Capistrano, immediately adjacent to the eastern border of Laguna Niguel, where many neighborhoods exist.

This particular piece of land is also right next to the Trabuco Creek which flows directly into Doheny Beach and into the Pacific Ocean. Next to the creek is our train track which goes from Los Angeles to San Diego with many stops including Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano , San Clemente , Oceanside and San Diego . Next to the train track is the 5 freeway, our main corridor from the northern tip of California to the southern tip of California !~

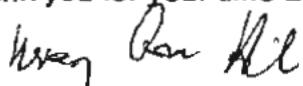
This is ABSOLUTELY the worst location for this Lithium Battery Storage facility, anyway you look at it .

I understand the need for this type of storage, but if a fire were to break out due to overheating or movement or accident, etc. it could take days to burn itself out , let alone cause unknown harm to the air quality, contaminated heavy metals into the soil impacting the ecosystem because of it's close proximity to the Oso and Arroyo Creek riverbed. In addition it could cause a significant closure of our train service and freeway for days as well.

There must be other locations to put this type of facility without so many delicate natural creeks and habitats, as well as residents and highly used travel corridors.

I strongly urge the California Energy Commission to carefully and fully consider these adverse fire, economic, environmental and public safety risks as they consider this proposed project !

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Mary Ann Hile [REDACTED]