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DONâ€™T BESS WITH ACTON

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I appreciate that the California Energy Commission (CEC) is doing its due diligence in considering the safety of building and maintaining such a HUGE lithium-ion Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Acton, an area that is designated SEVERE RISK FOR WILDFIRES.

Prairie Song BESS is asking to be in Acton SOLELY for the convenience of being close to the Southern California Edison (SCE) substation in Acton. IS SCE CONVENIENCE REALLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY LIFE?

I am handicapped in a wheelchair, I do not drive. Should an immediate evacuation be necessary in my area because of a BESS fire, I will be in danger JUST BECAUSE ITâ€™S CONVENIENT FOR SCE to have this huge BESS close to the SCE substation rather than out in the desert where it doesnâ€™t put anyone in danger.

I also want to bring up the question- why is Prairie Song using dangerous fire-prone lithium-ion batteries when there are safe batteries that are being used elsewhere such as Iron Air and Iron Flow? Sacramento received a \$10M grant from you, the CEC, to build a BESS utilizing Iron Flow batteries.

At the very least, please MANDATE that Prairie Song BESS use safe Iron Flow batteries in Acton!

Thanks for having this hearing. Regardless of all the safety protocols that Prairie Song promises to put in place, it is, frankly, irresponsible to endanger the population of Acton. I want my question answered- why am I being put in danger just for SCEâ€™s convenience when this entire BESS could be placed in the desert away from any population?

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