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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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I would like to address the proponents that were at the February 24th meeting for the Prairie Song BESS meeting. First, I would have to say that they all had major financial gain to obtain by this project being approved. I am not opposed to financial gain but not if it impacts a whole town negatively. First, I would like to talk about the head guy making his sales pitch for Prairie Song. I feel that he will tell you whatever he thinks you want to hear to get your approval. Example. You asked how long this project would be in operation. He blurted out an answer of 40 years. After thinking about this answer and knowing how many years my rechargeable power tool batteries last, I googled how many years Lithium Ion BESS batteries last. The answer is 10 to 20 years.

Link...[Expected Lifespan of Battery Storage Systems - PowerLink Global](#)

What happens when the company decides this project is no longer making enough profit? Will they walk away and leave 2000 unsightly containers in our rural town? An example of this is the failed 2.2 billion dollar Ivanpah solar plant. After only 11 years, they figured out it wasn't making enough money.

Link [Why the US's biggest solar megaproject is shutting down after a decade](#)

Quote from a google search.....

“The Ivanpah Solar Power Facility's closure serves as a cautionary tale about the complexities of large scale renewable energy projects and the need for careful consideration of technology, efficiency, and environmental impact”.

What else did he say that is not true? Another false sales pitch of his was that this BESS would “benefit all Californians. That substation only feeds Los Angeles. Not Acton, not Antelope Valley and certainly NOT all Californians.

Next, I would like to address the Union leaders that spoke in favor of this project and location. Once again, I am all in favor of people being employed and earning a living, but why do they have the right to say that this is a great location. If this project was placed in the middle of the desert where there was little to no impact on communities and commuters, the union employees might have to drive a little further to the jobsite. There is a BESS being installed approx. 5 miles east of Mojave in the middle of a thousand acres of solar fields. Those workers are able to drive there. I was a Union member for 35.5 years but I don't agree with a lot of decisions or beliefs of Union leaders. Most Union leaders will do whatever it takes to have as many union members in their Union and keep them employed. Union members pay a percentage of their paycheck to the Union and the Union leaders benefit from the blood sweat and tears of their Union members.

Hopefully this helps the CEC Board to see through the proponents twisted reasonings/lies. I really don't think their opinions should be given much weight due to the fact that they are for it to make a buck at Acton's expense.

Thank you,

Doug Bayer

