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**Sharon Runci commentsâ€™ Prairie Song BESS argument**

Comments by Sharon Runci

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

My name is Sharon Runci.

My husband and I moved our 2 children to Acton 30 years ago for the rural, peaceful lifestyle. My children grew up here; my grandchildren love the open spaces to play in. My husband and I have retired here. However, our home is now located in an Extremely High Fire Danger area. We were evacuated once due to a wildfire and it was terrifying.

Lithium battery storage is inherently dangerous; currently there is no 'safe' way to fight this type of battery fire. Current policy says use copious amounts of water, let it burn itself out, and hope it doesn't re-ignite a few days/weeks later.

We, along with a large portion of our community, depend on private wells for our water. The water available for fighting this type of fire could very easily deplete our water table; the toxic runoff could contaminate any remaining water table and make our wells unusable.

Toxic gases released into the air during a fire would require a Shelter in Place order. Potential prolonged exposure to the toxic gases released could potentially cause substantial health issues for my family and my animals.

And when there is a fire: the suggested location of the Prairie Song Bess is in a canyon. It is normally breezy and can be very windy at times. The fire would only have to crest one hill to be in my canyon, which is also windy. My family's safety and home would then be in danger.

We are currently on our 3<sup>rd</sup> Homeowner's Insurance company in 4 years due to our fire danger rating. If the Prairie Song Bess facility is approved, we may not be able to obtain any fire insurance regardless of the cost. If our well is contaminated, the value of our property diminishes greatly. Who will buy a property that cannot be insured, has no usable well, and is located close to this type of facility?

Putting this kind of facility in the middle of a thriving rural community is not only wrong, it is exceedingly dangerous.

Please don't allow this facility to be approved.