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## **I opposed the Prairie Song in Acton**

I am adamantly opposed to having a BESS situated in Acton. Acton is a small rural Western equestrian community, and it is not the right location for the mile long, 1,150-megawatt Prairie Song Reliability Project BESS. Putting in a monstrosity of that size, or any size for that matter, would completely ruin our rural character. The huge containers that would store all of the lithium batteries would industrialize our area and ruin our old Western charm that we all love so much. On another point, it's hard enough to afford fire insurance in our area due to it being an extremely high fire risk hazard area. If this monstrosity is approved, insurance companies will most likely end up canceling everyone's policies altogether because of the extra safety risk added into the equation with this BESS. Not only that, our homes will be devalued because no one will want to live near the BESS. In fact, I've heard of homeowners being forced into buyout options that are near the project because they are considered sensitive receptors. By eliminating them, it helps ensure a better chance of the project being approved and also protects the developer's investment. But what about our investment? This is where we chose to retire. This is our investment and our lives, and that should matter. These BESS projects do not belong in our beautiful town of Acton! I sincerely hope you're looking out for community and shut this horrible idea down!

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