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Opposition to Vaca Dixon Power Center Project (26-OPT-01)

As a resident of Vacaville , I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed siting of the Vaca Dixon Power Center Project in Vacaville, on land currently owned

by Vaca Dixon BESS LLC and Arges BESS LLC. I am respectfully asking the California Energy Commission to deny this project based on the following concerns:

1. Fire and Explosion Hazards: this battery plant would present a major fire and explosion hazard requiring evacuation of nearby businesses and residents as well as harmful air quality, extensive emergency response, and high probability to contaminate soil and water with difficult to mitigate hazardous materials.

2. Air Quality Concerns: These plants can emit harmful toxicants into the air that can pose a public health concern to the community. This is unacceptable.

3. Agricultural & Environmental Impacts: Building the facility on prime agricultural land in Solano

County would result in the permanent loss of a valuable resource and negatively affect nearby

farming operations. There is a risk of contamination from fires to irrigation canals and residential well

water located nearby.

4. Lack of Local Control and Community Benefit: Solano County has an active moratorium on

battery energy storage projects while developing regulations. The project's use of the AB205's "Opt-In"

program is intended to circumvent local control. Additionally, NextEra has entered into a PPA with an out

of area energy provider, eliminating energy discounts for the local residents and only adding risks.

5. Strain on Community Resources: A fire at the proposed facility may heavily strain local

emergency services, and may place unsustainable demands on local water resources.

Additionally,

costs may be passed to taxpayers for special equipment, emergency training, and post-fire

environmental remediation.