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Support of the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project in Solano County

Dear Commissioners,

I am a member of IBEW, and I am writing in support of the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project in Solano County.

Energy storage is how California keeps power reliable and affordable on hot summer evenings when solar generation falls off and demand stays high. This project would store 1,200 megawatt-hours of electricity and deliver 300 megawatts back to the grid in exactly those hours, using an existing PG&E substation and a connection line just over a mile long.

The local economic case is just as strong. The project is estimated to generate roughly \$70 million in tax revenue for Solano County jurisdictions over its life and support about 200 construction jobs, alongside approximately \$385 million in capital investment – all from an unstaffed, remotely operated facility on about 40 acres that places almost no demand on public services. CEC staff have also completed an independent evaluation of the project, including a full environmental impact report.

Those roughly 200 construction positions are skilled trades work, and those are wages that circulate through Vacaville and the surrounding communities while the project goes up.

As a ratepayer, I want the state to build the kind of capacity that keeps electricity costs down instead of paying more for power when demand is highest. I have lived through summer heat waves when the grid was strained, and I would rather this region have storage in place before the next one than wish it did. Construction work like this supports skilled trades families in this region, and those are good jobs while the project is being built.

I urge the Commission to approve the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project.

Sincerely,

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