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Reject Corby's current BESS proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kimberly Nalette. My husband and I reside on Mills Lane in Vacaville and we are writing to express our concern regarding the application of Corby Energy to build BESS facilities in our city and county. We ask that you reject the current proposal from Corby Energy and reevaluate alternative solutions to meet the states energy demands.

I was present at the meeting on September 1 and support the numerous comments that were made from residents against the current proposal. Several suggestions were offered from residents that would allow Corby to fulfill their contractual obligations, while taking into consideration the safety and will of the residents of Vacaville. The ONLY people who spoke in support of this current project, were laborers. Not a single Vacaville resident spoke in support of this project in its current state that would not benefit from it financially.

We understand that meeting energy demands is a challenge that we, as a society, must face. But we must do so in a responsible manner that supports safety and well being of the residents that are directly affected by placement of these facilities. These facilities will be around for years to come and should not be placed without thorough discussion of appropriate and safe locations for them to exist. Corby Energy is attempting to cram these projects down the throats of Vacaville residents, despite being asked to consider safer alternatives and more appropriate locations from their current proposal.

As I'm sure you are aware, Solano County and Vacaville have placed ordinances that protect the safety of the people who live and work here, while also allowing space for this technology to exist.

Why we urge the CEC to deny the Corby Energy BESS project with its current proposal:

LOCATION:

Solano County has identified appropriate locations in industrial areas. This Corby project is not planned in one of those areas. The CEC should require Corby Energy to follow local guidance on where to build their facility. Financial reasons should not trump the safety of the residents who will have to see and hear these facilities running 24/7 as well as be put at risk to their dangers.

DANGEROUS TECHNOLOGY:

Lithium Ion batteries - there is newer and safer technology being used. Why is this technology not being considered? Large installations can undergo a thermal runaway as seen earlier this year at Moss Landing, requiring a 24 hour evacuation of 1200 residents.

Fires caused by thermal runaway, have proven to be difficult to extinguish. Do our local fire departments have the training and resources to extinguish these types of fires? In addition, many nearby homes are on well water. How will the groundwater be affected from fire suppression? Simply saying that this will all be figured out after the project is approved is irresponsible and downright insulting.

NOISE:

Noise from cooling system fans will affect the quality of life of those nearby. One fan may not be a big deal, but with a system at this scale, the noise from fans can become a nuisance. My husband, in his mid 40s, already deals with hearing loss from his career. That was a choice he made and a risk he accepted when he went into the Air Force. It is NOT something that we choose or accept from a large scale BESS being built near our homes. At 300MW, the Corby project will be the 6th largest BESS in the state of California.

Corby Energy is simply concerned with their bottom dollar. They have attempted getting their project approved locally and have failed, because the residents of Vacaville do not want their technology in our backyard, without assuring that it is placed responsibly. We LIVE here. We WORK here. My husband and I moved to Vacaville from a crime ridden city because Vacaville is SAFE. Now, our safety is being threatened - just in a different way. Corby Energy will make their money and return to wherever they live and feel safe - leaving Vacaville and Solano County to fend for themselves.

Please, we ask that you reject Corby's current application and consider safer alternatives and locations. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kimberly & Bryan Nalette