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Rebuttal to Tetra Teck- applicants comments

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Rebuttal to Tetra Teck

Waiting 120 minutes for a technician is not acceptable for worker safety: The applicant wants to increase the time for a technician to arrive on site from 15 minutes to **120 minutes, or 2 hours**, if a battery cell starts heating up quickly. This project is only **0.6 miles from Interstate 80**. Caltrans warned on September 14, 2026, that smoke, gas, or a battery fire could make it very hard for drivers to see and could require the highway to be closed. If technicians are allowed to wait 2 hours before arriving, emergency crews and the California Highway Patrol would have to make urgent highway-closure decisions without the live information they need during the most important early part of an emergency.

Response to the claims about the Lambie Industrial Park option

- **Business convenience should not come before safety:** The applicant says Lambie Industrial Park is a worse option mainly because it would take longer in the CAISO connection queue and would need a longer power-line route. But under CEQA, a developer's preferred schedule or contract choice does not make a safer, industrial-zoned site unrealistic or impossible.

Water protection deadlines are too weak: The applicant wants to wait until the batteries are delivered before submitting the Water Quality Control Plan. Because groundwater in the area is shallow, about 7.5 to 15 feet below the ground, polluted runoff from firefighting could reach groundwater and nearby farm wells if protections are not in place. Water and environmental safety measures should be reviewed, approved, and enforceable *before* any digging or construction starts.