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CEC is Required to License All BESS Projects

There are lithium battery storage systems (BESS) being installed throughout California. The California Energy Commission (CEC) has stated in writing, twice, that it does not license or regulate BESS in any way, shape or form. The CEC claims that Order No. 21-0908-2 gave the Agency authority to license BESS projects for a limited time and not one BESS license was issued during that time.

The CEC is wrong and grossly negligent in their duties.

California Public Resource Code 25216.5: The commission shall do all of the following:
a. Prescribe the form and content of applications for facilities; conduct public hearings and take other actions to secure adequate evaluation of applications; and formally act to approve or disapprove applications, including specifying conditions under which approval and continuing operation of any facility shall be permitted.

California Public Resource Code 25216.5 (d) further states: d. Serve as a central repository within the state government for the collection, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of data and information on all forms of energy supply, demand, conservation, public safety, research, and related subjects.

The CEC claims that because BESS are new, there are no laws directing the CEC, but the California Public Resource Code laws were written in 1974. "Public Safety" is referenced multiple times in the laws that govern the CEC, yet the CEC has turned its back on the public as it allows BESS to be constructed in poor neighborhoods and near schools without any license or oversight.

Propaganda states that BESS are being built in poor neighborhoods to "help the poor", but utility rates are not any cheaper for people that live near utility lines or BESS storage systems. The CEC's gross negligence is facilitating the utility companies' use of poor Californians as guinea pigs, which is criminal.

The CEC is also part of the "Tracking Energy Development Task Force" (TED), which was created just a few years ago to track energy development throughout California, but the CEC has assured me that the Agency is not tracking anything.

While BESS are important to secure California's energy needs; the CEC's absolute refusal to license or regulate BESS is disturbing and criminal.

All public records requests to the CEC are answered by lawyers. The CEC claims that the State Agency has no records department or records clerks - only lawyers that are either trained to lie to the public or do not know the California State Laws that

govern their agency.

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