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As I understand it, while the advantage of back up energy is desirable, there are three major drawbacks to a BESS: High initial hardware costs, high initial installation costs, and the need for proper disposal of the batteries after they have degraded and require replacement.

Since the project developer is prepared to address the #1 and #2 disadvantages of a BESS, I feel fairly confident that the remaining issue of proper battery disposal can be adequately addressed given the growing science of managing expired batteries in an environmentally friendly manner. As such, I support the project; given the significant advantage of reducing power outages in our city.