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I want to express my concern regarding the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) project Docket #24-OPT-02. The proposed site for the BESS facility pose risks to local ecosystems, including potential hazards from accidental leaks, fires, or toxic chemical releases. Battery energy storage systems have inherent risks, including thermal runaway and fire hazards. Given the proximity of this facility to residential areas, schools, and businesses, the safety measures in place may not adequately mitigate potential threats to the community. I urge the commission to consider alternative locations or energy storage technologies that would reduce the risks and impact on our community. Please deny approval of this project as currently proposed and explore safer, more suitable alternatives for renewable energy storage. Thank you.