

DOCKETED

Docket Number:	24-OPT-02
Project Title:	Compass Energy Storage Project
TN #:	259579
Document Title:	John McCabe Comments - Opposition to Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project
Description:	N/A
Filer:	System
Organization:	John McCabe
Submitter Role:	Public
Submission Date:	10/17/2024 11:03:38 AM
Docketed Date:	10/17/2024

Comment Received From: John McCabe
Submitted On: 10/17/2024
Docket Number: 24-OPT-02

Opposition to Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project

Dear California Energy Commissioners -

As a concerned home owner in Colinas de Capistrano, located in Laguna Niguel, on the border of Rancho Capistrano, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the battery energy storage system (24-OPT-02). The proposed BESS facility is to be in San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, CA. The project applicant, Compass Energy Storage, LLC had propose to construct, own, and operate an approximately 250-megawatt BESS facility on a 12-acre project site along the northern portion of the city of San Juan Capistrano, adjacent to the Camino Capistrano and Interstate 5 Freeway to the east. It is also immediately adjacent to the eastern border of Laguna Niguel.

The project site, which is less than 1500 feet from residential neighborhoods, is confined within an area that is designated as a general open space hillside surrounded by native plants and significant vegetation, brush and 2 recreational nature trails. Besides the fire dangers and ecological hazards to the surrounding areas, the proximity to the residential areas heightens the potential risk to the community.

I strongly urge the California Energy Commission to carefully and fully consider these adverse fire, economic, environmental and public safety risks as they evaluate Compass Energy Storage's proposed project. The health and safety of California residents SHOULD always take precedence over any potential Benefits proposed by this project. I respectfully request and urge that the California Energy Commission reject this project application and unequivocally prioritize public safety and community quality of life.

Best regards,

John & Charlotte McCabe
25685 La Cima
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677