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Robert A. Stranahan IV, The Stranahan Firm, LLC., Attorney for CEC. Mr. Stranahan will present the case for CEC and introduce the testimony to be presented on battery technologies, fire risks and consequences.

Joseph H. Rowley, Director of project development at Sempra U.S. Gas & Power (USGP) from 1998 to 2001, and Vice President at Sempra USGP from 2001 to 2014. Mr. Rowley has since consulted on large-scale power projects and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects. Mr. Rowley will present testimony on issues that affect BESS siting and siting issues specific to the Rancho Viejo Solar Project.

Edward J. Henderson, Sr., PE QFPE Assurance Engineering, Inc. Licensed and practices as a fire protection engineer throughout the Southwestern USA. The portfolio of clients includes DoE, and DoD, specifically addressing life safety issues as part of fire hazard analysis. Testimony will address the BESS as a wildfire ignition source, the expected fire within and around the BESS, and the response to that fire by local fire fighters.

Don Smith, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Mr. Smith will present testimony on human and environmental exposure to toxic metals released in a thermal runaway from lithium-ion batteries.

Brian Roeder, resident of Monterey County, CA, witnessed the Moss Landing BESS fires and the co-founder of Never Again Moss Landing, a grassroots organization committed to preventing similar disasters. Mr.

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Roeder will testify to his personal experience about the toxic consequences of the Moss Landing fire.

Lee Zlotoff, resident of Eldorado in Santa Fe County, Entertainment Executive and President of the Clean Energy Coalition for Santa Fe County, a non-profit dedicated to the safe and smart transition to renewable energy in Santa Fe County. Mr. Zlotoff will provide the closing remarks from the perspective of adjoining communities, faced with the consequences of siting a utility-scale electrical energy production facility in proximity to over 10,000 residences, schools, and local businesses and just miles from the second largest metropolitan area in the state.