



FW: CEC potential

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I have lived in the district you represent for less than a year. Shortly after buying our home in Eldorado we learned of the lithium battery storage facility trying to go in. My husband and I have now completed an investigation of this proposed facility. I am not interested in being opposed and fighting against, although I would say the current national politics is making that very hard, and for that matter so is this proposed facility.

My concerns may sound a little different than what other's are saying. Of course, I'm concerned about the increased fire potential but I'm way more concerned about not being able to get fire insurance on my home. It feels to me that is a larger threat than the fire danger, although no matter what is said, with the building of this facility the danger does increase.

What I'm for though is a strategic plan approach. Why is PNM not a major player in where solar facilities are located? I'm for the county, the state and PNM coming together to come up with a plan that would benefit both the utility company and the citizens of this State. It doesn't make sense to me that this isn't already happening. PNM could site those places where the cost of hooking any new facility would be the least expensive and the most beneficial to all. It is my understanding that PNM hasn't publicly commented on CEC's proposal but they haven't signed off on it either. That makes me concerned that this isn't what that would find the most beneficial.

I'm very concerned about the night sky. There is clear evidence that nature and humans suffer when the dark of the night is lessened. Already Santa Fe's night sky is lit up. This will make the night sky look like dusk. This is not healthy for humans or wildlife.

I'm for our public representatives to watch out for the interests of the people. I'm so pro solar that we are having it put on our home in the next few weeks. This project does not seem to be solar based. The amount of storage is far more than the amount that will be produced by the arrays put in by them. Then I must look at the real reason for so many batteries. The theory they are planning on storing energy from PNM and selling it back to them at peak rates is the most likely scenario my mind can come up with.

Which leads me to trust. This is large corporation. My research has shown that once their facilities are built their cooperation makes a nose dive. I learned that they are more willing to

pay fines than to comply. This is a major concern. I would suggest that you talk with the county governments of places they are currently located. Do they comply once the facility is built?

And lastly, I'm for my local and state representatives representing the people in their districts—not big money coming to town. I lived in Durango for 45 years. I had friends that served as county commissioners. One of them once said to me, "That happened on my watch!" It was about a law in regard to how close oil companies could drill to a person's home. After the fact he saw how the company twisted some of the words and he felt so bad for it. Well, this one is on your watch. How will you feel when the night sky is even more full of lights, HOA's near the site can't get home insurance and God forbid, if there is a fire. This is your watch and this resident is letting you know that after much research—I'm opposed.

Thank you for listening,

Lyn Goldberg