



Fwd: Solar Yes, AES No

From Jill Cowley <desertdance43@gmail.com>
Date Tue 3/25/2025 2:27 PM
To Dominic J. Sisneros <djsisneros@santafecountynm.gov>

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Dear Mr. Sisneros:

My name is Jill Cowley, and I have been a Santa Fe County resident since 1988 and an Eldorado resident since 1990. Forwarded below is the message I am sending to Santa Fe County Commissioners today, asking them to reconsider and reject the AES Solar/Lithium Battery Storage Project as currently planned. As Santa Fe County AES Case Manager, could you include these emails in the AES case record and on the Santa Fe County website? Thank you!

And, if you haven't already done so, I encourage you to watch the video on the CEC website

(www.CleanEnergyCoalitionSFC.org) which proposes a better way to provide Santa Fe County and the region with alternative energy through microgrid systems, which I believe the County has already begun.

Thank you

Jill Cowley

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From: **Jill Cowley** <desertdance43@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 2:17 PM
Subject: Solar Yes, AES No
To: <hhughes@santafecountynm.gov>
Cc: <gcbustos@santafecountynm.gov>

Dear Commissioner Hughes:

My name is Jill Cowley, and I have been a Santa Fe County resident since 1988, living in Eldorado since 1990. I definitely support alternative energy developments, but they must be wisely planned and managed. I am very concerned about the high safety and fire risk of the AES Corporation proposed industrial-scale solar and lithium battery storage facility in the Santa Fe area. AES has a recent history of explosions and fires at their other lithium battery facilities, and the proposed facility is SO close (within one mile) of Eldorado and very close to other communities. In addition to fire risk, their facility would use PFAS (forever) chemicals which can permanently contaminate surrounding soil, water and air.

While I understand that the County Planning Commission approved this project after the last public hearings, it is not too late to stop this project as planned and to make AES change the plans to be less of a health and fire risk. There are appeals planned.

I respectfully request that you use your influence to put a halt to the proposed AES facility, and that we all have a chance to make sure this project can be changed to not pose such a severe risk, ie downsized or relocated. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to watch the video on the CEC website (www.CleanEnergyCoalitionSFC.org)

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I don't think that the facility as currently proposed (ie the large scale, lack of on-site management etc) belongs so close to anyone's backyard.

Thank you

Jill Cowley

On behalf of CEC (Clean Energy Coalition for Santa Fe County)