



Fw: Vote No on AES BESS Facility

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Dear County Commissioner,

As the governor declares us in a state of emergency for severe drought and fire conditions, it would be unconscionable and irresponsible to approve the AES BESS facility. A 570,000 lithium battery ion complex does not belong in a rural fringe zone and it is highly disingenuous to call it "community solar." The NM land office has identified thousands of acres elsewhere that could be used for this project rather than placing it next to residential communities that are already combatting severe drought and 60-mph winds.

If there is a fire, this will not only impact the three closest communities, but all of Santa Fe and its tourism dollars, as toxic plumes emanate for miles around. This reeks of a backroom deal because it is completely devoid of logic, safety precautions and legitimate concerns for people, wildlife and the environment.

Please vote no on this project!

Thank you,
Adair Seldon
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