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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proposed by AES on property adjoining our Eldorado neighborhood.

When I first heard about this proposal, I was fairly open and supportive, because I am in favor of using solar energy to help wean our society off fossil fuels. However, the more I study and learn about large scale lithium battery storage facilities, the more I am opposed to this proposal, primarily for the following reasons:

- **Danger of fire and explosions.** As these types of facilities keep popping up around the world, we've seen more and more fires occur, and they're not easy to put out. If a fire breaks out at the site proposed in Santa Fe County, it will take only 3 minutes (at a wind speed of 20 mph) to reach our home and then all 3600 homes in Eldorado. In the meantime, the fire suppression system at the facility will be venting toxic fumes into the air.
- **Light pollution.** We're very fond of our dark skies in Eldorado. but this facility will no doubt have many large bright lights installed around the site. How many? We don't know, since AES refuses to tell us.
- **Noise pollution.** Many of us bought our homes in Eldorado because it is so blissfully quiet out here, but a BESS typically generates a constant buzz of 70-80 decibels, which would constitute a nonstop audio nightmare.

We have many other concerns, such as water usage, outdated county fire codes, risk to local firefighters, etc. The bottom line in this case is: the BESS should be located in a remote industrial park, not adjacent to so many homes, schools and churches.

PLEASE help convince AES to relocate its facility to a remote site, and, failing that, vote NO on the current proposal.

Thank you for all you do to protect our community.

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