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Subject: Proposed Utility-Grade Lithium Battery Energy Storage Systems on Flat Rock

Creek Road in Comfort, TX

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To Whom It May Concern,

PUBLIC WILLTY COMPRISSION

We, the citizens of Comfort, TX, and the surrounding Hill Country join our local and state-level officials in opposition to the proposed utility-grade Lithium Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) located on Flat Rock Creek Road in Comfort, TX. The combined 350MW systems are being developed by two foreign-owned companies: Key Capture Energy owned by SK E&S, Republic of South Korea, and East Point Energy owned by Equinor, Norway.

Our concerns are as follows:

- The BESS will be located on both sides of a dead-end residential road, posing significant hazardous risks to residents living in the immediate site area, local schools, and the community of Comfort.
- The proposed BESS sites would be in the rural Hill Country of Kendall County, listed by the State
 of Texas as a Priority Groundwater Management Area. This area is in the Cow Creek
 Groundwater Conservation District, which is drought-prone with limited groundwater resources.
- Comfort has a small local Volunteer Fire Department which is in a known wildfire-prone area with no specialized hazardous materials unit.
- Lithium Battery thermal runaway fires, which cannot be extinguished, produce extreme temperatures with toxic smoke and flying embers.
- Property owners believe the location of these systems creates an incurable Defect that cannot be changed, which will cause a devaluation of their properties.

We understand the effort by the State of Texas and energy companies to stabilize the state grid, however, we believe the risks outweigh the benefits of such goals at this location.

Thank you for aiding these companies in finding a new location better suited to provide the basic safety requirements needed for these facilities. Thank you for ensuring the health, welfare, and safety of our family, friends, and neighbors on Flat Rock Creek Road, Comfort, Kendail County Hill Country, Texas

God Bless Comfort!

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