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Subject: [EXT] Proposed energy storage facility near South Shore

Hello public utility officials,

I could not attend the recent public meeting due a health problem requiring my hospitalization. Wasn't sure I could add much to the concerns voiced; the safety the necessity, and the doubts over the what the push is really about. I would like to remind you folks about recent Nebraska fires taking out hundred thousand acres or so. Not sure why anyone would invite into the region a known potential hazard that is difficult to control? Didn't see where there were safer alternatives offered. Why not? Were there realistic cost benefit comparisons? After a brief review on my own I found Toyota has been working for years to get away from Li-ion.

They have designed solid state batteries that offer multiples of storage in the same space, Run far cooler and charge much faster. These will be in mass production before the proposed facility is built near south shore and maybe even before you folks issue your final ruling.

That's one example. Samsung is working on their version of solid state batteries. Reports are Tesla(Elon) is working on aluminum battery and Na-ion batteries. There seems to be several viable options just around the corner. Why the rush to use old technology that has safety issues?

Like the Elvis song: "only fools rush in"

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