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Email: timlindgren009@yahoo.com Comments: I am writing to request reconsideration of the preliminary decision to deny intervenor status to many of the individuals who submitted forms for the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project. At the hearing, Commission representatives encouraged residents to sign up as intervenors and did not mention any geographic limitations or a two mile threshold. Community members relied on this guidance when submitting their applications. The subsequent application of a distance-based rule- one that was not disclosed at the hearing - has resulted in the exclusion of numerous residents who acted in good faith based on the Commission's instructions. Additionally, the impacts of a BESS facility are not confined to a two-mile radius. Issues such as emergency response strain, fire and explosion risk, insurance changes, environmental effects, and regional infrastructure concerns extend well beyond that boundry. Many of the denied individuals have legitimate, specific concerns that warrant consideration. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission: Reevaluate the intervenor applications submitted by residents outside the two-mile radius; Provide clear justification for any distance-based criteria Our community seeks only a transparent and equitable process. We appreciate the Commission's attention to this matter and look forward to your response. Sincerely, Tim and Linda Lindgren