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To All It May Concern,

As a homeowner and longtime resident of Santa Fe County, specifically Eldorado, I strongly urge you to enact a moratorium so that the new AES Conditional Use Permit Application will not be reviewed unless the County has sufficient codes, guidelines and regulations in place in the Sustainable Land Development Code regarding a facility of this scope with known safety and other risks.

A County Emergency Response Plan must be in place before any permits to AES are reviewed and approved. How can a decision be made regarding a project that has known risks to life and property without having plans in place for a worst case scenario county emergency? Are our current roads and exits sufficient for a mass evacuation? How would residents be alerted should a fire occur? Are our local EMS and hospitals even aware of this proposed facility and potential injuries it could bring? An Emergency Response Plan for Santa Fe County needs to be in place, before ever considering a proposal of this kind. Also, a potential toxic plume emitted from burning batteries would trigger a stay-in-place order for the entire area including the city of Santa Fe and that could cause a tremendous amount of bad press for a city that is a major tourist destination, not to mention the affect it would have on the health of residents and visitors.

We know that the County Fire Department codes were not fully updated to current standards regarding BESS battery storage. The codes MUST be amended. A moratorium needn't be lengthy, but it would be a travesty to review any new AES Rancho Viejo Solar applications due this summer when the Country codes and regulations are outdated and inadequate. This is vital for our community not just regarding AES, but any future proposals such as theirs.

Respectfully,

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