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Santa Fe, NM 87508

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Hearing Officer Hebert
Marilyn S Hebert
100 Catron St. & 102 Grant Ave.
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Hearing Officer Hebert:

My wife and I live at 71 San Marcos Loop, Santa Fe, NM 87508 and directly share a border with the land to the north where the AES industrial energy project and road are being proposed. This property border is also the boundary of the San Marcos Community District. We are requesting to be an interested party with standing on any and all proceedings concerning this project. If this isn't the correct avenue for our views, please let us know.

Our position can be summarized with the fact that this effort goes beyond a simple solar installation and crosses the line into an industrial energy project. The 30 plus cargo containers with batteries should be located within industrial or similarly zoned property. These energy storage systems are designed to be located at a grid-tied site. Many industrial sites exist with grid ties under the correct and appropriate zoning. The SLDC states with regard to Rural Fringe where the proposal exists, "This zone also serves to protect agricultural and environmental areas that are inappropriate for more intense development due to their sensitivity." The size of this project is clearly inconsistent with the property's zoning classification along with its complexity, hazards and potential harm to the welfare of the area.

In addition to the zoning requirements, the project's construction period will cause a significant increase in particulate matter in the air regardless of mitigation efforts. The potential fire and water pollution risks are also serious concerns during such construction with or without the energy storage proposed and will continue once the project is complete.

Please deny this conditional use permit and let the parties find land with the appropriate zoning. AES Corporation is a Fortune 500 power generator with the experience and resources to find such property.

Thank you for your consideration,

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