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I am a...

Member of the public

Are you commenting on a straw proposal?

Yes

If yes , which one?

Cumulative Impacts Analysis

Comment/Question

SETBACKS FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LINES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR ANY BESS FACILITY

In Brighton (Boston), a 50,000 square foot lithium ion BESS facility is being proposed at 35 Electric Ave by Flatiron Energy. Empower Austin and Brighton is a grassroots organization of neighborhood members, and we are fighting this facility because it is being proposed in an extremely dense residential neighborhood, one block from a public housing project and two blocks from public parks. It is also within one block of the Massachusetts Turnpike and the Commuter rail tracks and about 500 feet from the Charles River. These facilities are known to explode and catch fire and burn for days and days. This requires a mandatory evacuation for everyone in the area and long-term health effects from the toxic fumes that result from these fires. The environmental impact on this neighborhood would be massive when (not, if but when) this facility bursts into flames. There are many examples of battery storage fires, such as at Moss Landing, where the fires started just one month after a previous fire was put out. The BPDA has admitted that they have NO training or protocols in place to deal with lithium ion fires, let alone scale of fire of a 50,000 square-foot facility. This is irresponsible to let the developer get as far through the article 80 process as you have without any of these protocols or any zoning for these facilities in place. The BESS facility should be nowhere near someone's home and this one will be within 30 feet of the backyards of people who live on Converse Street. It is not enough to just collect our comments. You have to act on them and give the community an actual say in what they will have to live with. Anyone who lets this facility come to fruition will be voted out of office!!