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RE: Tamarack Ridge Homeowners' Association
Opposition to Proposed CDUP23-0003 Kingfisher Energy Project

Greetings:

I write on behalf of Tamarack Ridge Homeowners' Association (the "Association"), a residential community comprised of 134 homes. The Association's Board of Directors has asked me to send this written opposition to Kingfisher Energy's proposed Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") facility, which if approved, will be located approximately a mile away from the Association. The Association's membership feels that having the BESS facility located so close to their homes will negatively impact their property values, quality of life, and is a safety risk for themselves and their children.

The current proposed site for the BESS facility is inappropriate as it is directly next to noise-sensitive populations, such as residential communities, including the Association and Mattson Middle School. For this industrial apparatus to function, equipment such as cooling fans and inverters will need to run constantly creating significant non-stop noise for the surrounding area. This is not compatible with the neighboring environment and will create a nuisance to the residents.

If a fire were to ignite at the BESS facility, which is certainly a possibility and has occurred at other such sites across the country, the consequences for the surrounding area would be catastrophic. Traditional fire suppression systems are ineffective on lithium-ion battery systems leaving fire fighters with no other option than to let them burn themselves out. During the fire, chemicals contained within the batteries will be released causing risk of explosion. The air in the surrounding area will become toxic and force evacuations or shelter in place orders as the circumstances deem necessary. Quickly evacuating this residential area will be impossible given there are only two-lane residential roads available to leave on. This residential area does not have the infrastructure for such an emergency. The chemicals will also cause liquid pollution when mixed with firefighting water, damaging the surrounding ground and water systems.

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High voltage power lines will be installed in the corridor adjacent to the Association. Coupling the power lines with the other negative impacts associated with the BESS facility, it is reasonable to assume that the home values within the Association will decrease by 10 – 40 percent. It will also certainly increase time on the market to find a potential purchaser.

For the foregoing reasons, the Association strongly urges King County to reject Kingfisher Energy's permit application for the current location and explore alternative sites in industrial or extremely rural areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,
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