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Patricia K. Poppe
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**RE: PG&E's Plan to Return Elkhorn Battery Facility to Service**

Dear Ms. Poppe,

I write to urge PG&E to delay the reactivation of the Elkhorn Battery Energy Storage Facility scheduled for June 1, 2025 until at least three things have happened:

1. An adequate emergency action plan (EAP) in compliance with SB 38, that I co-authored, is finalized with the County of Monterey.
2. Results of PG&E's own inspections and clean-up from the 2025 fire at Moss Landing are made public.
3. The full results of the independent investigation of the 2025 battery energy storage fire at Moss Landing are finalized and made public.

Earlier this year, the Moss Landing fire, caused by a battery energy storage system (BESS) in Monterey County, resulted in the evacuation of about 1,500 residents. The January 2025 fire was the fourth BESS safety incident at Moss Landing since 2019 - with one of the fires having been caused by PG&E. It was the third safety incident on the Vistra property, and the second time Highway 1 was closed due to a Moss Landing BESS fire. The surrounding communities and I are deeply concerned for the health and welfare of local residents, businesses, visitors, first responders, wildlife, and environmentally sensitive habitat that surround the Moss Landing Power Plant.

As a result, I urge PG&E to proceed with enhanced transparency, an abundant sensitivity to local concerns, commitment to California state law, and a careful and methodical approach to return to service.

This should include PG&E working closely with the County of Monterey, as well as offering town halls and listening sessions for the surrounding communities who have deep concerns around any return to service.

Clean energy and battery energy storage are needed to achieve California's vital climate goals. While we can and must press forward, it is crucial that local communities are safe, that communication is open and transparent, and that PG&E follows the letter of the law with emergency planning and preparedness. I urge you to take the actions I have requested above prior to return to service at Moss Landing.

Sincerely,

Dawn Addis
Assemblymember, 30th District