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Washington, DC 20515-4321

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AMPYR Energy
Attn: Mr. Sumeet Bidani
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Dear Mr. Bidani,

I am writing to express serious concerns related to your company's proposed energy storage and solar facility north of Fredericksburg near Willow City in Gillespie County, TX. Many constituents, including state and local elected officials – have voiced their frustrations and concerns about the project to both me and my staff.

As you may know, I represent Gillespie County and the surrounding area, which is an important Hill Country landscape that demands careful stewardship. Gillespie County is subject to extreme drought, wildfires, and flash flooding events.

In fact, a huge fire in March 2025 covered the exact swath of land that you've secured for your project. Please research the Crabapple Fire and the immense state and local resources required to contain it. It burned almost 10,000 acres, jumping across State Highway 16 and reaching FM 1631. This was without the presence of lithium batteries that are even more difficult to extinguish after they catch fire.

The Willow City Volunteer Fire Department is the closest to your property. They are not equipped to handle lithium battery fires. The next closest fire department is in Fredericksburg, also staffed mostly by volunteers.

Naturally, residents of Gillespie County are concerned about the environmental risks BESS and solar facilities pose to one of most vulnerable areas in Texas, among other things. Accordingly, I have several questions regarding the project. I would appreciate a written response to each question by December 10, 2025.

1. What is the nature, size, and scope of this project, and how does it compare to other projects in Texas or operated by AMPYR, if any?
2. From where does AMPYR source your components? Are any components manufactured in the People's Republic of China, or by companies affiliated with China?
3. How is the Marshall Springs site being funded? Does AMPYR receive funding from any foreign companies or private equity firms?

4. How many other facilities, either BESS or solar, have AMPYR completed construction on? Has AMPYR abandoned any projects? Does AMPYR have a history of successfully bringing to market and operating BESS or solar facilities?
5. Will energy produced by the BESS and solar facilities deliver continuous energy production through a baseload contract, or will it be sold on the spot market?
6. What is the chemical composition of the batteries AMPYR intends to install at your facility? What is the composition of the solar panels?
7. Are there any environmental concerns about water runoff from solar panels? What other impacts do solar panels have on the surrounding ecosystem?
8. What is the utility and water usage footprint of the project? Are there any significant waste products? If so, how does AMPYR plan to properly dispose of them?
9. Why did AMPYR choose an unincorporated, historically drought-stricken location for this project?
10. Does the project have a fire contingency plan in place? Has AMPYR spoken with local fire departments about the risk posed by the project? Does AMPYR anticipate financially supporting local fire departments due to the increased fire risk posed by a battery storage project in a drought-stricken area?
11. How many people working on this project have been to the Hill Country? Does AMPYR conduct any community outreach?
12. Gillespie County passed a resolution opposing Battery Energy Storage Systems, has AMPYR engaged with county officials? Separately, Gillespie County passed a resolution requiring AMPYR to submit several documents to the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Has AMPYR complied with this request?
13. Did this facility require any authorization or permits from Gillespie County or the State of Texas?

14. Does AMPYR currently receive or plan to apply for federal tax credits, funding, loans, or other forms of support? Does AMPYR intend to seek support provided by the Inflation Reduction Act for the project?
15. Does AMPYR currently receive or plan to apply for any financial support provided by the State of Texas or local entities?
16. Will AMPYR provide fire-fighting equipment to the Willow City VFD and the Fredericksburg VFD that would be effective against lithium battery fires?

I appreciate your attention to this important matter. I also welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person to discuss these matters, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CR', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chip Roy
Member of Congress