# ATTACHMENT A



### RE: West Haven Energy Center Follow Up

From Elisha Kiser <ekiser@eastpointenergy.com>

Date Wed 2/19/2025 5:02 PM

To Roger Sicotte < RSicotte@Westhavenfiredept.com >

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- Would the fire or gas detection system notify emergency forces of an alarm? If the BMS (Battery Management System) detected an Emergency, if applicable, first responders would be contacted within 15 minutes.
- Regarding section 1.7.3; what is the operational lifespan of this BESS? Approx 20-25 years is what EPE is planning for currently. However, as I indicated below. Technologies are advancing and in a couple of years, we may have batteries that can last longer.
- Regarding section 3.4.2 and 3.4.3; I am in favor of a gas detection system for the earliest possible detection of potential thermal runaway, and the optional vent panels as added protection for our personnel responding. We will be using the gas detection system since that is required by NFPA 855. However, the specific fire suppression systems are chosen closer to the time of construction because the fire suppression technology may change and advance by the time we procure the batteries. We wouldn't want to commit to a gas detection system / vent panels in the case there was a more updated technology by the time we procure the batteries (2027 or thereabouts). EPE will always opt for the safest fire suppression technologies available.

Look forward to the comments from the chief officers and thank you for the quick response.



From: Roger Sicotte < RSicotte@Westhavenfiredept.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 4:29 PM
To: Elisha Kiser <ekiser@eastpointenergy.com>
Subject: RE: West Haven Energy Center Follow Up

Hi Elisha,

Thank you for providing the ERP Draft. Some of my comments on what you've provided so far:

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- Would the fire or gas detection system notify emergency forces of an alarm?
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  of potential thermal runaway, and the optional vent panels as added protection for our personnel
  responding.

I'm forwarding this to our chief officers and will forward any comments from them to you. We will likely be working with you further to help develop our own SOP for this facility. Thanks again.

From: Elisha Kiser < < ekiser@eastpointenergy.com >

Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 2:15 PM

**To:** Roger Sicotte < RSicotte@Westhavenfiredept.com > Cc: Compton Donohue < cdonohue@eastpointenergy.com >

Subject: RE: West Haven Energy Center Follow Up

#### Hi Roger

Happy New Year! I hope it has been a great one so far. We have developed our draft Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and would like feedback from you before we submit to the Siting Council. This ERP is NOT the final version, and we will need much more input from you and the various fire departments leads before the final draft will be completed. The final draft will be completed before construction will begin and will be a part of the conditional approval from the siting council. We intend to submit the Petition to the Siting Council the first week of March so if you could please provide feedback within the next week that would be fantastic.

Look forward to hearing from you.



From: Elisha Kiser

Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 12:49 PM

**To:** Roger Sicotte < rsicotte@westhavenfiredept.com > **Subject:** West Haven Energy Center Follow Up

#### Hi Roger

I hope you are well. Apologies for not being able to attend the meeting last week. My colleague Catherine relayed you would like a copy all the approved and pending battery projects for the state of Connecticut (see attached). Also, I wanted to let you know that I will be out of office from 12/24-1/3. If you can think of anything in the meantime you need information on just email and I will respond once I get back in town.

Happy Holidays!



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