

Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners
5334 South Prince Street
Littleton. CO 80120

May 9, 2025

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing today in support of Plus Power's Use by Special Review and Subdivision Plat to develop a battery energy storage system on Lowry Trust land in Arapahoe County. As an At-Large Councilmember in Aurora, this project borders portions of our city, and the Front Range Energy team has taken time to brief council members on the details of the project for constituent awareness. I believe this project safely provides critical infrastructure to our region and represents an opportunity to increase resiliency to our power grid and meet the State's ambitious clean power goals.

The project site is situated directly adjacent to existing infrastructure at Xcel's Harvest Mile substation, making it compatible with surrounding uses and a strategic location for Xcel's future battery energy storage needs. Additionally, this project is an ideal utilization of Lowry Trust land, which is limited in its uses. As I understand it, the project will not require water resources, produces no emissions and will not increase traffic in the area. It is, essentially, a passive use.

As a community, we know we continue to have growing needs for the power grid and will only continue to increase demand. Battery Energy Storage Systems are a crucial component to our ability to meet electric demand, and Arapahoe County can be a leader for our region by approving this application.

Respectfully,

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Curtis Gardner
Aurora Councilmember At-Large