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We understand that the IPA is interested in policies related to procurement, but new policy solutions and the coordination of several state agencies will be required to ensure the safe, equitable, and environmentally sound deployment of utility scale battery storage systems. In particular, policy considerations are needed on 1) research, training, planning, coordination, and funding for emergency response, 2) tracking and enforcement of where batteries are used and stored, 3) zoning and siting on site development and layout, including financial assurances, 4) standardization of the valuation of battery storage systems for County tax assessment purposes, similar to Illinois' legislation that standardizes the valuation of wind (35 ILCS 200/10-600) and solar (35 ILCS 200/10-720), and 5) community engagement and community benefits. Many of these issues must be considered at different steps in the process including manufacturing, use, decommissioning, recycling, disposal, and any storage areas at any part of the process.

Sincerely,  
Prairie Rivers Network

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