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Van Zandt County District Judge Signs Temporary Restraining Order

Van Zandt County has petitioned and obtained an order from the 294th Judicial District against Defendants: Taaleri Energia North America, LLC, BT Amador Storage, LLC, Amador Bess Holdings, Inc., Renewable Energy Systems Americas, Inc., and Belltown Texas Power 2, LLC.

These Defendants have been preparing the property located near the intersection of Highway 47 and FM 1651 for the installation of a Battery Energy Storage System. The County has requested that the Defendants comply with all provisions of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) fire code. The Defendants have not complied with said NFPA codes therefore the Van Zandt County Commissioner's Court passed the resolution found below.

On April 9, 2025, the Van Zandt County District Attorney did present to the 294th District Court Judge, Chris Martin, an ex parte petition for a Temporary Restraining Order in accord with the Resolution below. The ex parte order has been signed by Judge Martin and said order shall be served upon the defendants. The Defendants and any other person or company working with the Defendants are restrained and prohibited from moving into Van Zandt County, transporting within Van Zandt County, or storing in Van Zandt County lithium-ion batteries designed for or intended to be used in a battery energy storage system.

The Temporary Restraining Petition and Order Cause Number is 25-00067 in the 294th Judicial District Court of Van Zandt County, Texas. The TRO is in place for 14 days at which time Van Zandt County shall apply to the same court for a permanent injunction to the Defendants from bringing the batteries into the county until such time as the Defendants are in compliance with the NFPA codes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Van Zandt County Commissioners' Court bestows its full support and encouragement to the Van Zandt County District Attorney in seeking judicial authority to prevent the owners and developers of BT Amador Storage, LLC, and all other BESS entities, from delivering lithium-ion batteries to any site in Van Zandt County until such a time as the Van Zandt County Fire Marshal or the Court determines that all applicable NFPA Standards have been met.